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AGAIN...  
The BLACKHAWKS  
BATTLE!

The Blackhawks each have a special talent... and they were all needed in a battle to destroy a nation's belief in a false idol... **RUGOTH, GOD OF GREED!**



On Blackhawk Island all is quiet, when suddenly...

A LETTER, BLACKHAWK?  
AND FROM OUR OLD FRIEND,  
ZE BEAUTIFUL MA'MSELLE  
**FEAR**? WHAT DOES SHE  
WRITE, AND FROM WHERE?

SHE REPORTS STRANGE HAPPENINGS  
IN THE KINGDOM OF **FRANGASTAN**...  
YOU'LL REMEMBER WE HELPED THAT  
PEOPLE WIN FREEDOM FROM THEIR  
TYRANNICAL CONQUERORS, THE  
**WILD CYMRIOTES!**

FEAR SAYS THAT A HIGH  
PRIEST OF FRANGASTAN  
JOURNEYED OVERSEAS  
TO CONSULT THE NOTED  
SCULPTOR,  
**STRELLOS!**



The story of the discussion described by Fear...

YES, I HAVE A REPUTATION FOR  
MAKING IMAGES THAT ARE LIFE-  
LIKE AND FRIGHTENING! YOU WANT  
TO GIVE ME A COMMISSION?

AYE! YOU SEE, IN MY  
NATIVE FRANGASTAN I-  
AM A PRIEST...WITHOUT  
GODS TO SERVE! WE  
OF FRANGASTAN  
**HAVE NO GODS!**



WHEN THE CYMRIOTES  
CONQUERED US, WE  
KNEW OUR ANCIENT  
GODS WERE FALSE...  
POWERLESS! AS  
A SUBJECT PEOPLE  
WE WORSHIPPED THE  
DEITIES OF THE  
CYMRIOTES, UNTIL...

YES, UNTIL  
YOU DROVE  
OUT YOUR CONQUER-  
ORS! I'VE  
HEARD  
THAT NEWS,  
EVEN FROM  
SO FAR  
AWAY!



WHEN WE DEFEATED OUR  
ENEMIES, WE KNEW THAT  
THEIR GODS WERE FALSE,  
TOO! WE COME TO YOU  
NOW TO MAKE US A  
**NEW IDOL**... INTO  
WHICH WILL ENTER THE  
TRUE SPIRIT THAT WILL  
RULE OUR SOULS!

MY FRIEND,  
YOU HAVE COME  
TO THE ONE  
MAN ON EARTH  
WHO CAN  
SERVE  
YOU!

WE WILL PROVIDE  
GOLD FOR THE BODY...  
PRECIOUS STONES  
FOR THE EYES...

IT SHALL BE AN  
IDOL YOU WILL  
FEAR AND  
RESPECT!









# BLACKHAWK

AND FEAR ENDS THE LETTER WITH AN APPEAL FOR OUR HELP, MEN! AS USUAL, TRAVELLING IN A REMOTE PLACE, SHE FOUND SOME-THING STRANGE AND GRIM!

HELP..AGAINST A LIVING, TALKING, GOD OF EVIL! DAS BAN FANTASTIC... BUT AY NOT BAN WANT TO STAY AWAY!

Hours later...

FRANGASTAN JUST AHEAD, BLACKHAWK!

RIGHT, CHUCK! BUT WE SHOULDN'T LAND NEAR THE CAPITAL CITY... SET THE PLANES DOWN IN THAT SECLUDED MEADOW... WE'LL ARRIVE ON FOOT AND UNSUSPECTED!

GREETINGS, STRANGERS! BEFORE YOU ENTER THE CITY GATES, YOU MUST PAY THE FEE IN GOLD DEMANDED BY OUR GOD, RUGOTH!

FEE IN GOLD? BUT WE DIDN'T BRING ANY GOLD... AND WE DON'T BELIEVE IN PAYING FOR FAITH!

SUCH COLLECTION IS MY ORDER! SEE, THIS CONTAINER IS FULL OF PURSES GLADLY GIVEN BY VISITORS!

PERHAPS ENOUGH CAN BE DUG UP AMONG US TO...

NO MAKEE ARGUMENT! HERE, CHOP CHOP PAY ADMISSION FEE... SHOW INSIDE BETTER BE PLENTY GOOD...

BRAVO, CHOP CHOP!

AND NOW, MES AMIS! HOW TO LEARN WHAT EES ZE WOE OF ZEES POOR PEOPLE... AND HOW TO HELP ZEM?

MIGHTY MASTERS, PLEASE HELP A POOR BEGGAR! A TRIFLE, IN THE NAME OF CHARITY!



# BLACKHAWK



I THOUGHT I RECOGNIZED THAT VOICE... IT'S FEAR!

NOT SO LOUD, BLACKHAWK! I DISGUISED MYSELF TO FOOL ANY WATCHERS!



THIS NATION IS UNDER A STRANGE AND CRUEL TYRANT... AND HIS SPIES ARE EVERYWHERE! PERHAPS LISTENING TO US AT THIS MOMENT!



ALL HE DEMANDS IS GIVEN THE PRIESTS AND PEOPLE FEAR HIM SO! NOW HE ASKS HUMAN SACRIFICES! HE NAMES THE LEADERS OF FRANGASTAN... AND THEY DIE ON HIS ALTAR!

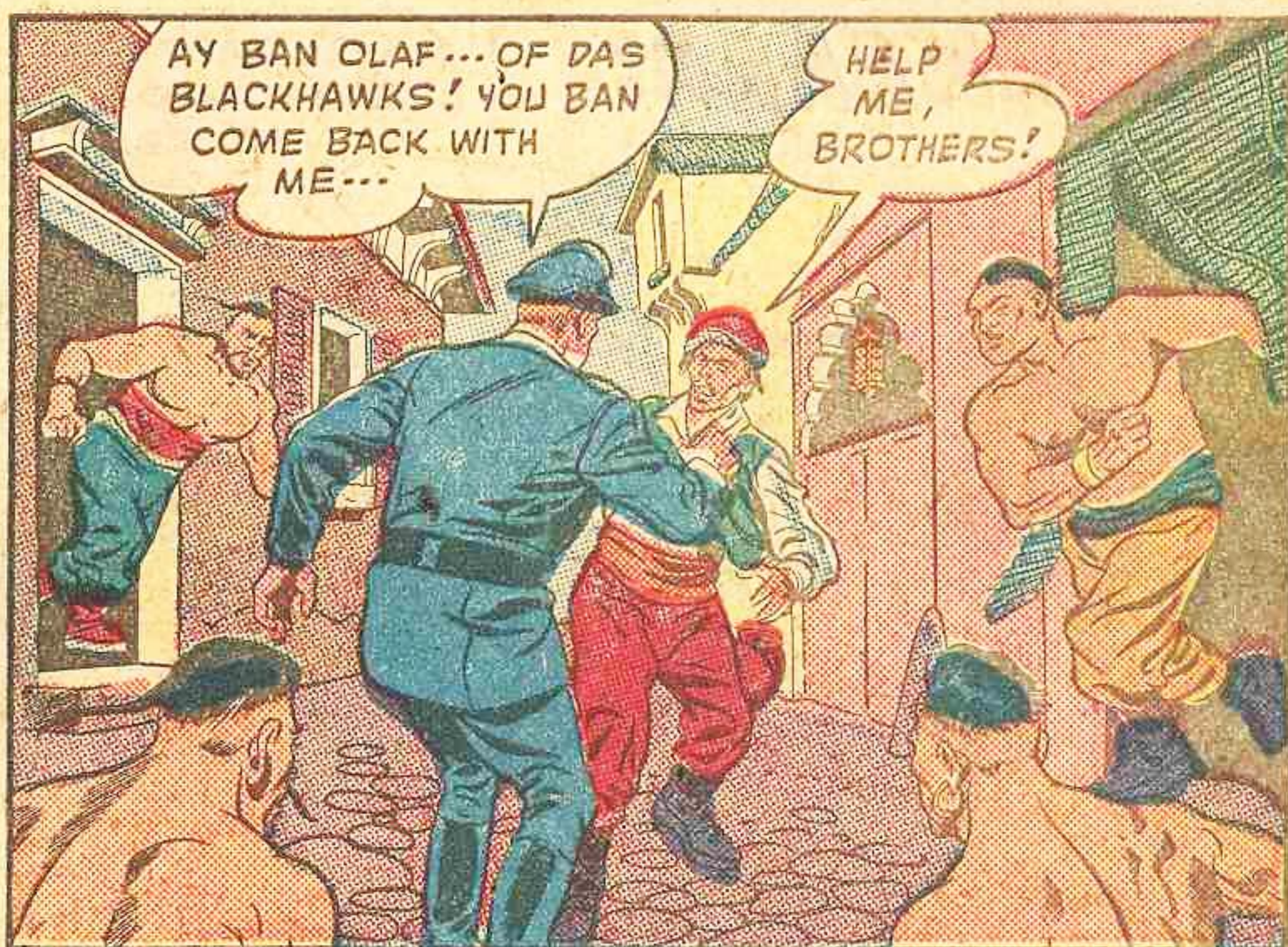
THAT TYRANT IS, OF COURSE, THE IDOL RUGOTH, OF WHOM YOU WROTE!

WHA...?



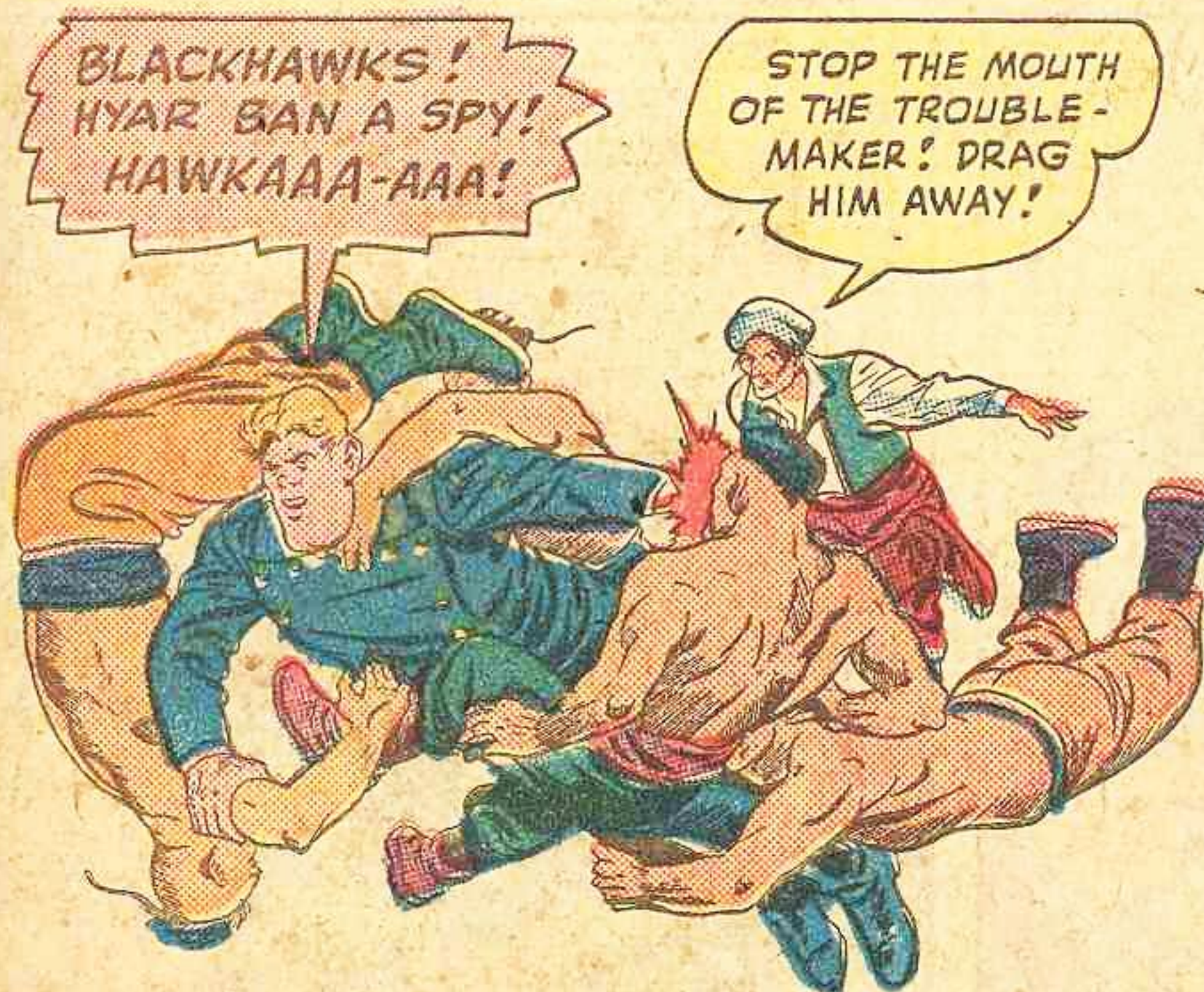
HEY, YOU FALLER! AY BAN SEE YOU SNEAK UP AND LISTEN IN ON OUR PRIVATE CONVERSATION! AY DON'T LIKE DAS, BY YIMMINY!

WHO ARE YOU, BIG STRANGER, AND HOW DARE YOU INTERFERE WITH A SERVANT OF RUGOTH?



AY BAN OLAF... OF DAS BLACKHAWKS! YOU BAN COME BACK WITH ME...

HELP ME, BROTHERS!



BLACKHAWKS! HYAR BAN A SPY! HAWKAAA-AAA!

STOP THE MOUTH OF THE TROUBLE-MAKER! DRAG HIM AWAY!



HENDRICKSON! I HEARD OLAF'S VOICE!

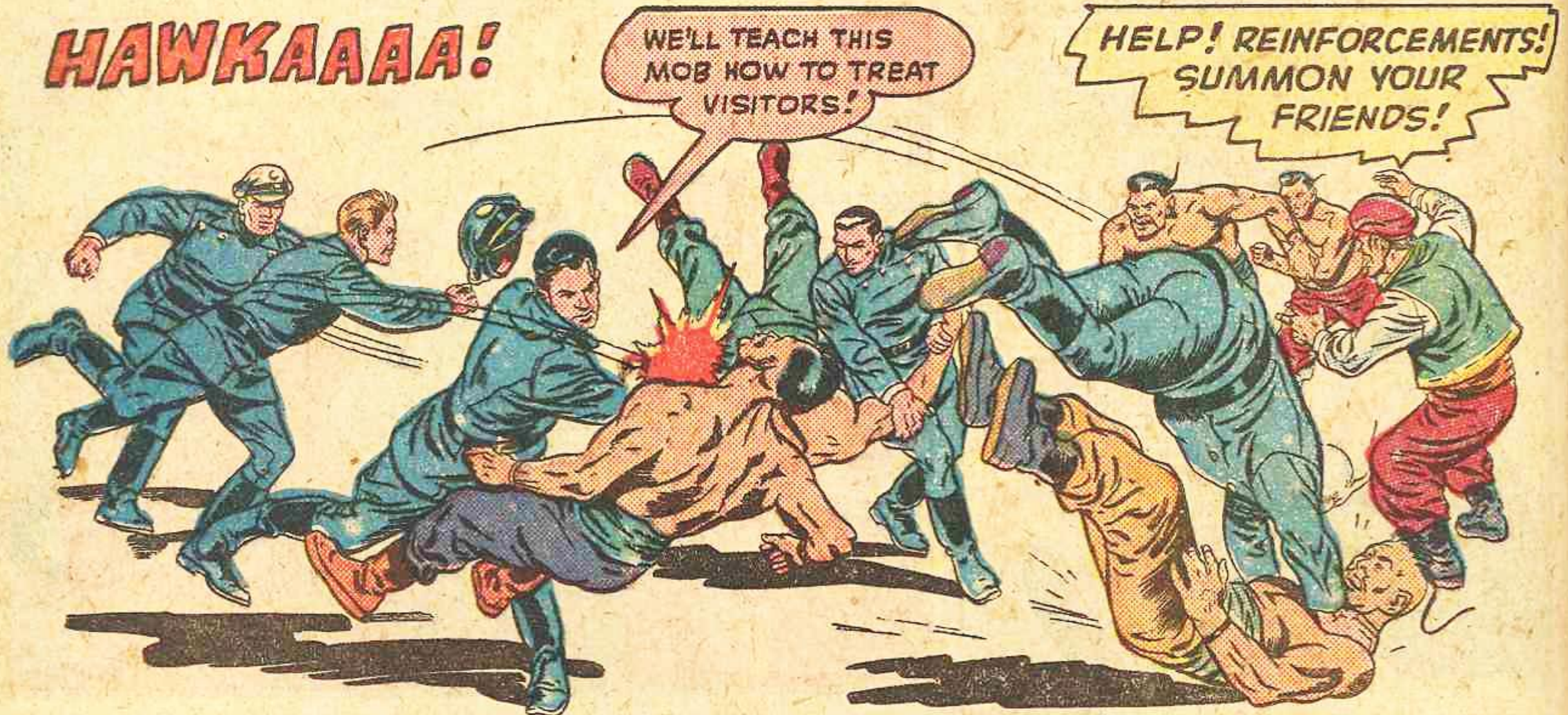
YA... HE YELLED FROM DOT DIRECTION!



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**HAWKAAAA!**





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At the temple of Rugoth ...

WHAT IS THE MEANING OF THIS OUTRAGE? IF YOU ARE SOMEONE IN AUTHORITY, RELEASE US AT ONCE!

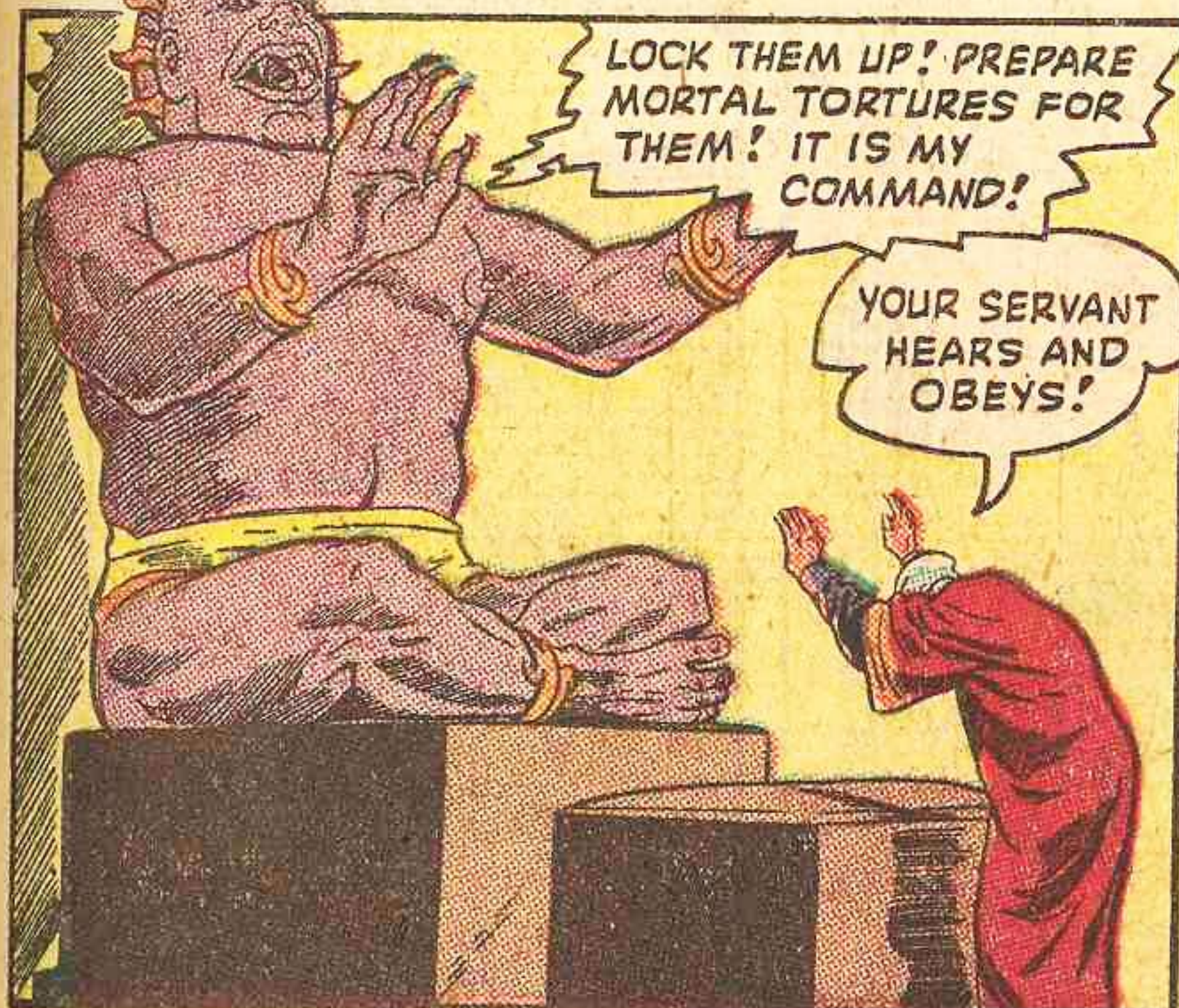
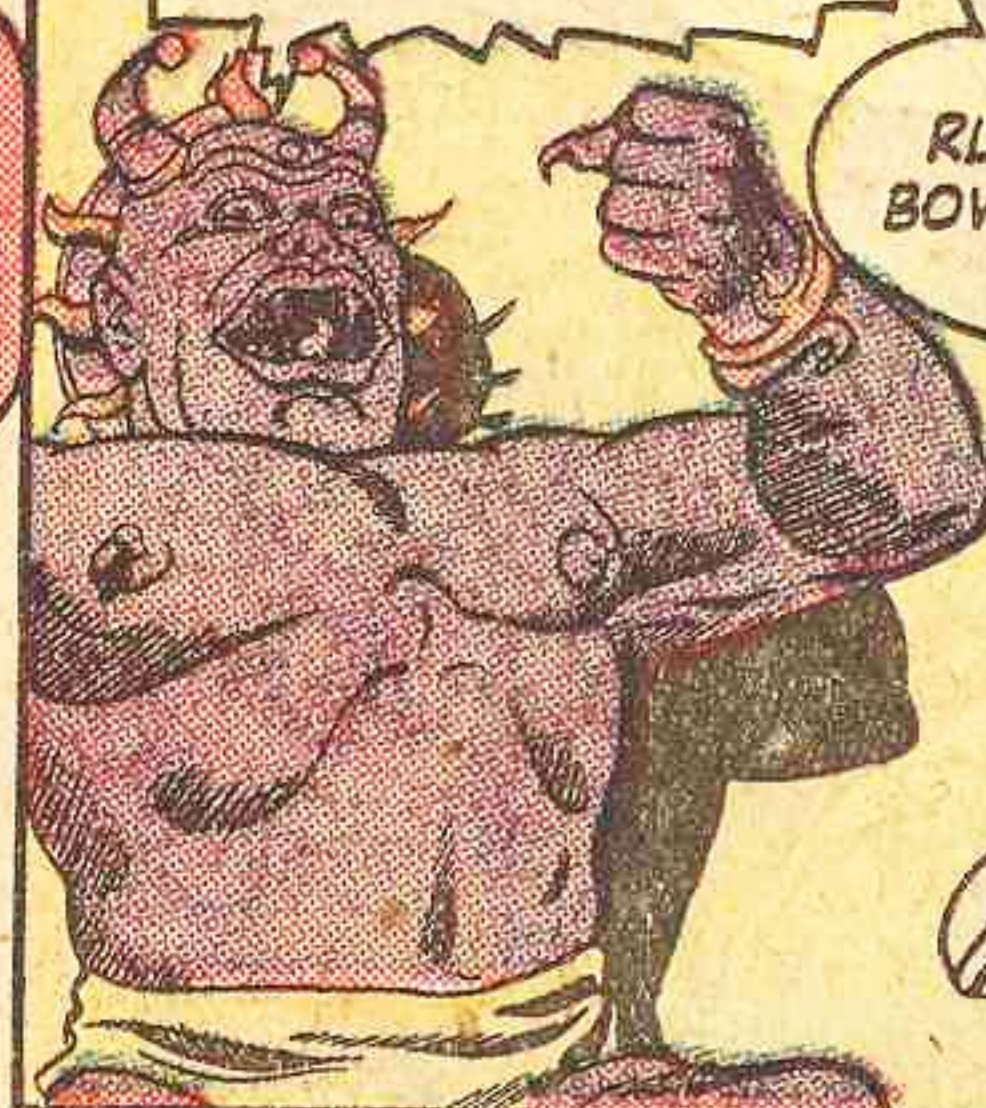
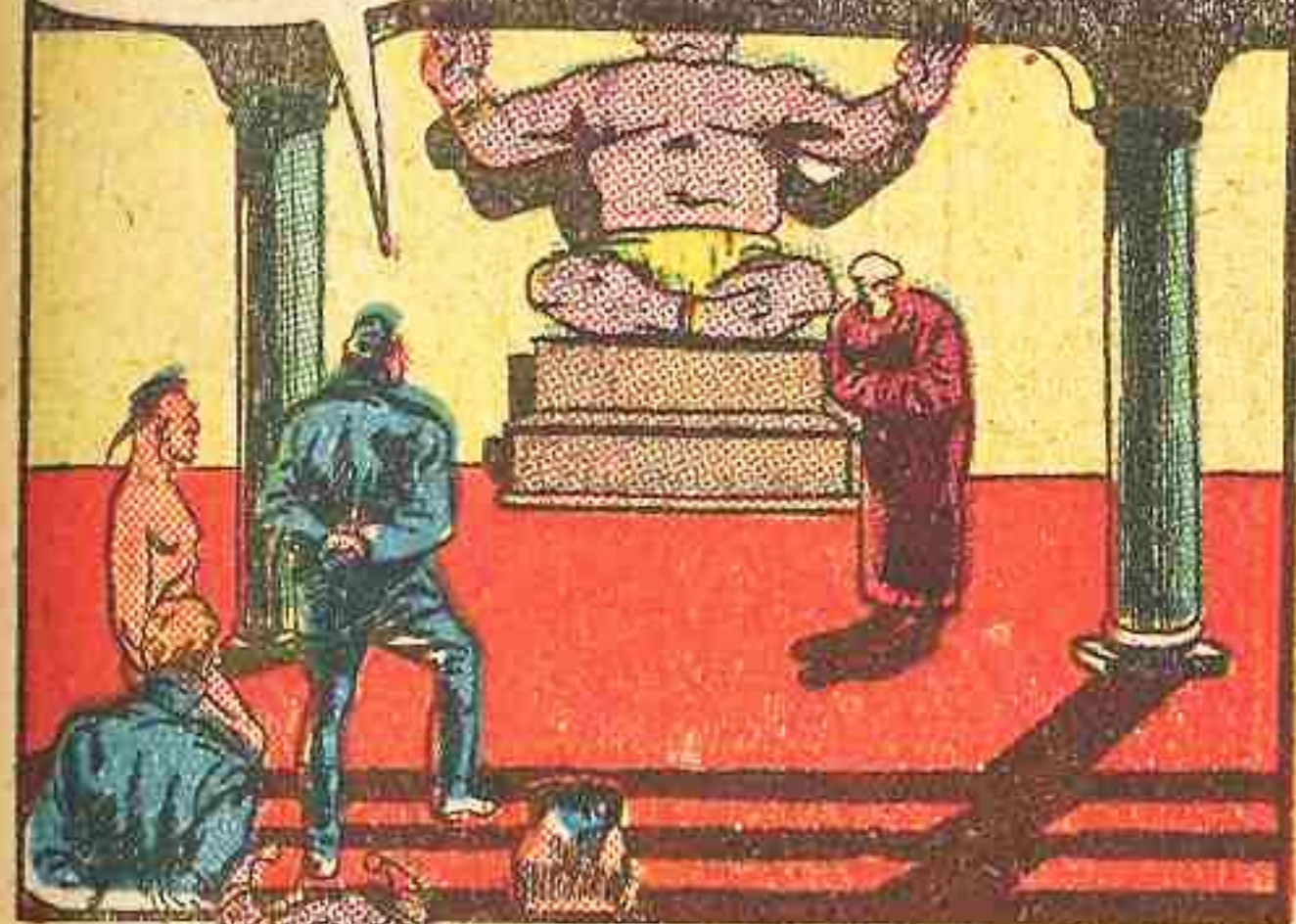
I AM THE HIGH PRIEST OF RUGOTH! AND YOU?

WE ARE THE BLACKHAWKS!

I KNOW THAT NAME! YOUR BAND ONCE HELPED FRANGASTAN WIN FREEDOM! I OFFER FULL APOLOGIES! YOU SHALL BE RELEASED AT ONCE!

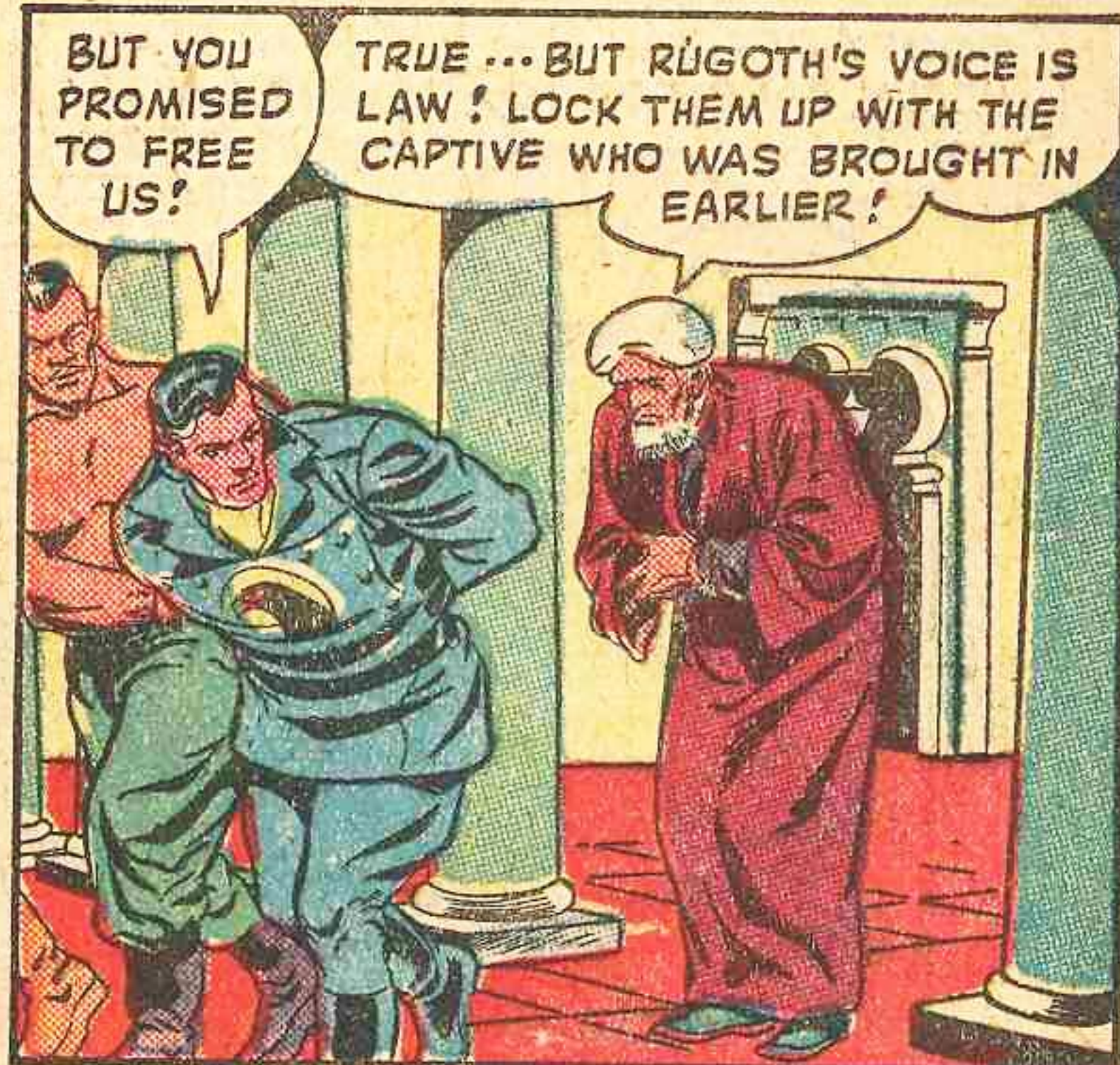
WHAT VILE TREASON IS THIS? YOU HAVE NO RIGHT TO RELEASE THESE SCOFFERS FROM CAPTIVITY!

THE VOICE OF THE GOD! GREAT RUGOTH, I BOW BEFORE YOU!



LOCK THEM UP! PREPARE MORTAL TORTURES FOR THEM! IT IS MY COMMAND!

YOUR SERVANT HEARS AND OBEYS!



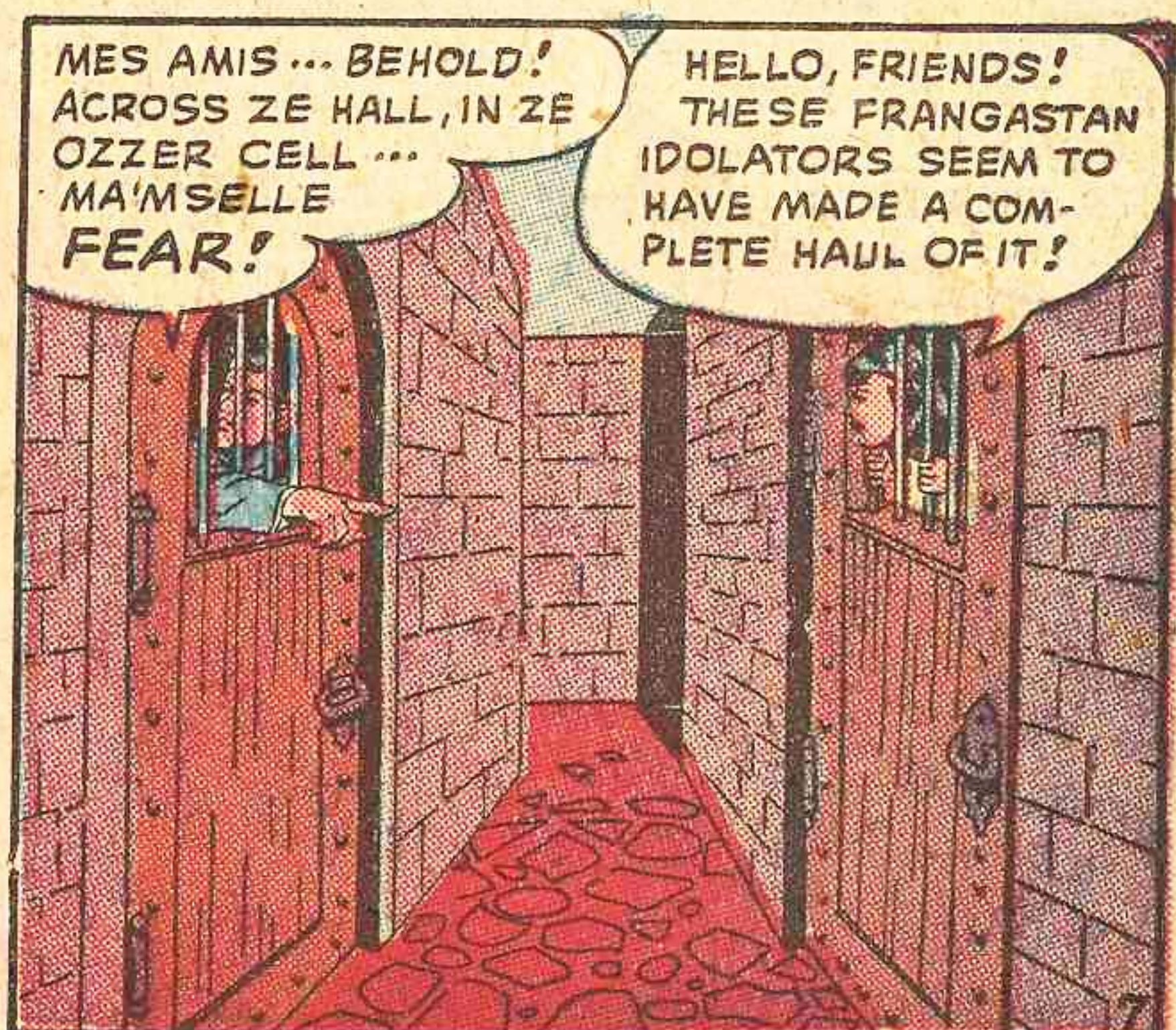
BUT YOU PROMISED TO FREE US!

TRUE ... BUT RUGOTH'S VOICE IS LAW! LOCK THEM UP WITH THE CAPTIVE WHO WAS BROUGHT IN EARLIER!



SO THEY BAN GRAB YOU, TOO! DAS BAD BUSINESS, YA?

WE COULDN'T DESERT YOU, OLAF! ANYWAY, YOU DROPPED YOUR CAP... HERE IT IS!



MES AMIS ... BEHOLD! ACROSS ZE HALL, IN ZE OZZER CELL ... MA'MSELLE FEAR!

HELLO, FRIENDS! THESE FRANGASTAN IDOLATORS SEEM TO HAVE MADE A COMPLETE HAUL OF IT!





THEY GOT ME JUST AFTER WE SEPARATED! SINCE I'M ONE OF THE DOUBTERS OF RUGOTH'S POWER... I'M ALSO SCHEDULED FOR SACRIFICE!

WE CAN'T LET THAT HAPPEN, FEAR!



TOO LATE, I'M AFRAID! HERE THEY COME TO TAKE ME! GOOD-BYE, BLACKHAWKS! IT WAS WONDERFUL TO HAVE KNOWN YOU!

MEN! GATHER AROUND... TRY TO BREAK DOWN THESE BARS!

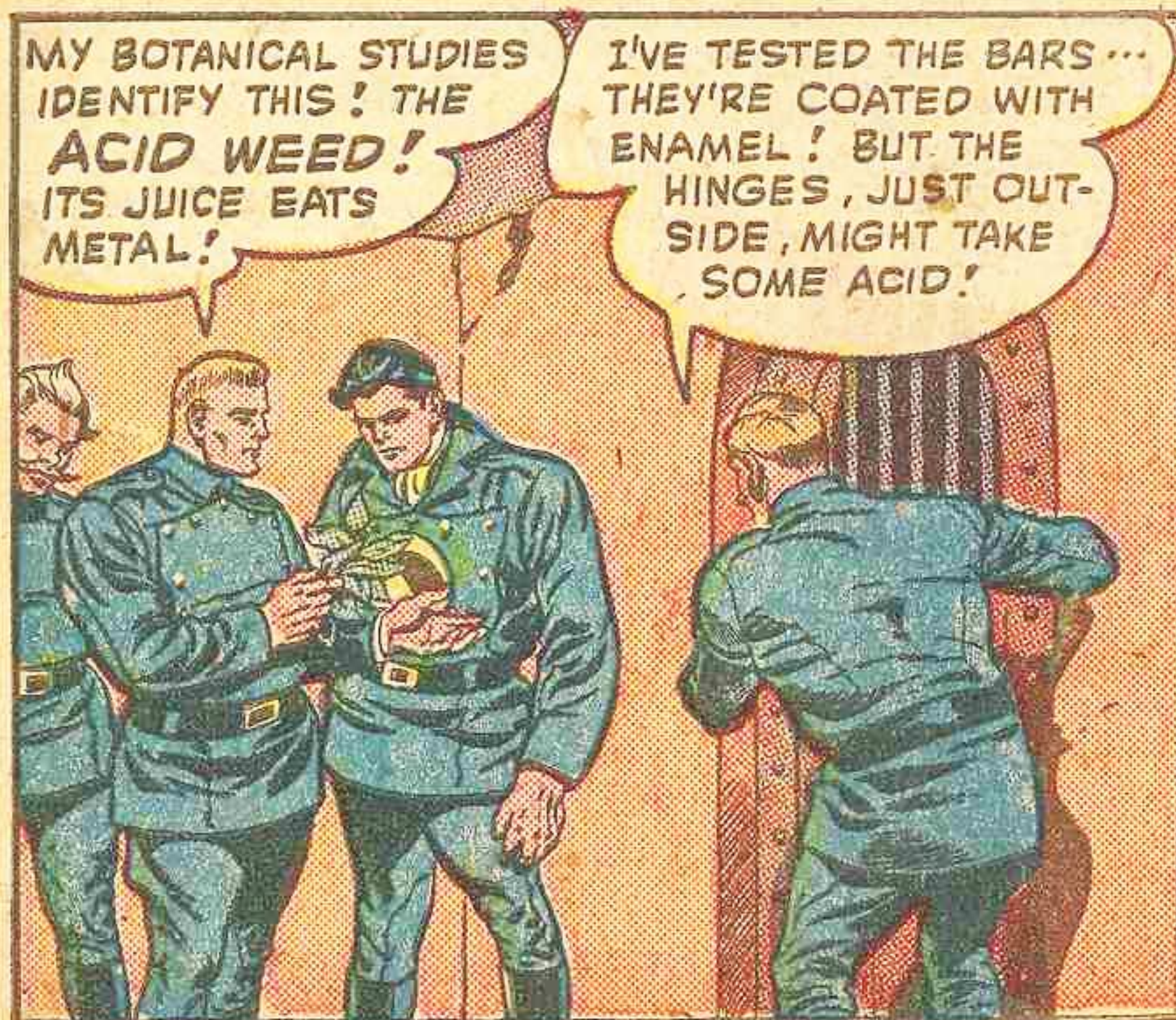


OOOF! DAS BAN TOO HEAVY BARS FOR TO BREAK!

STANISLAUS! LOOK AT THE BARS IN THE WINDOW... SEE IF THEY ARE WEAKER!



THESE BARS ARE STURDY, TOO! BUT GROWING JUST OUTSIDE...  
HMMM!



MY BOTANICAL STUDIES IDENTIFY THIS! THE **ACID WEED!** ITS JUICE EATS METAL!

I'VE TESTED THE BARS... THEY'RE COATED WITH ENAMEL! BUT THE HINGES, JUST OUTSIDE, MIGHT TAKE SOME ACID!



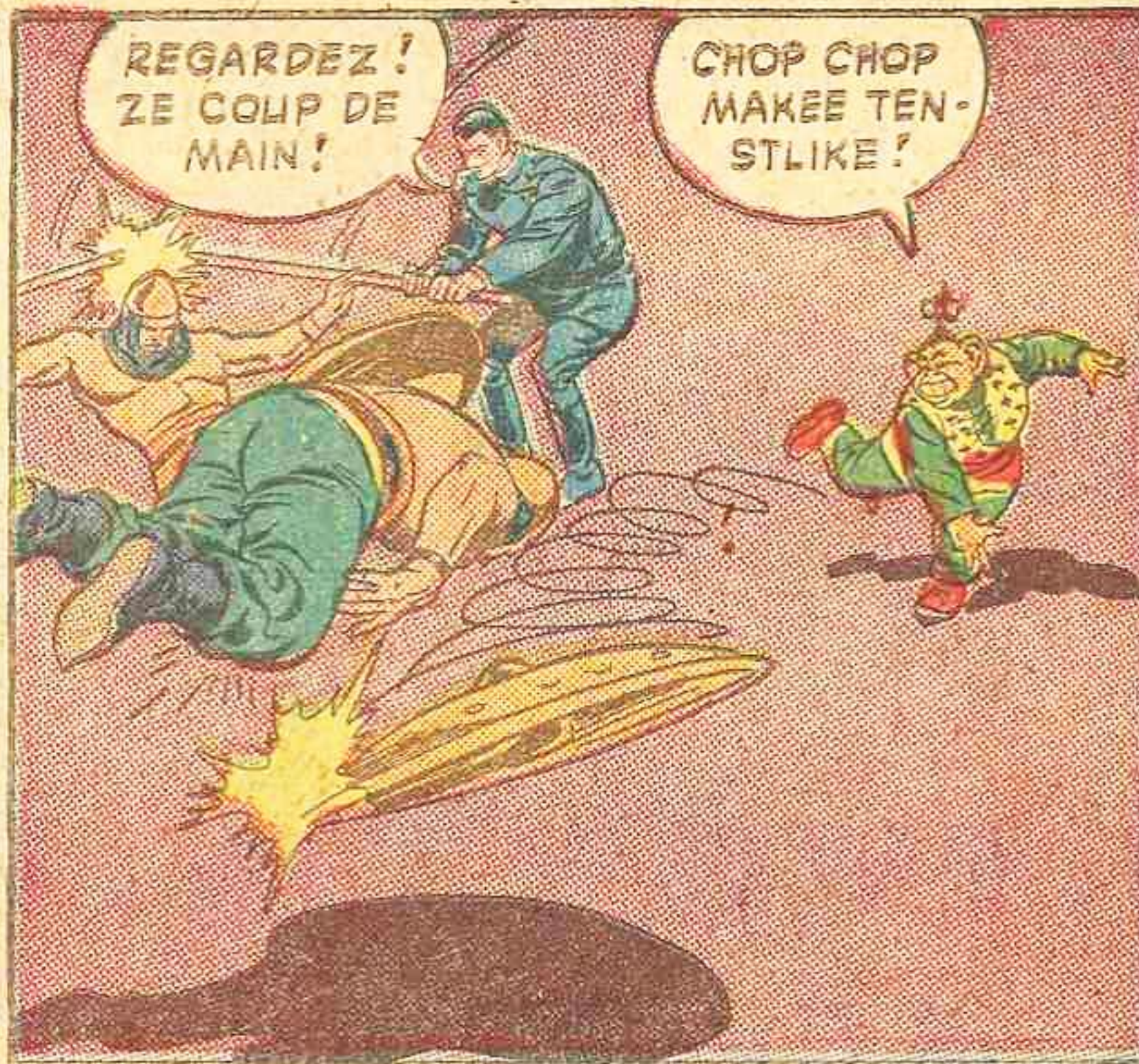
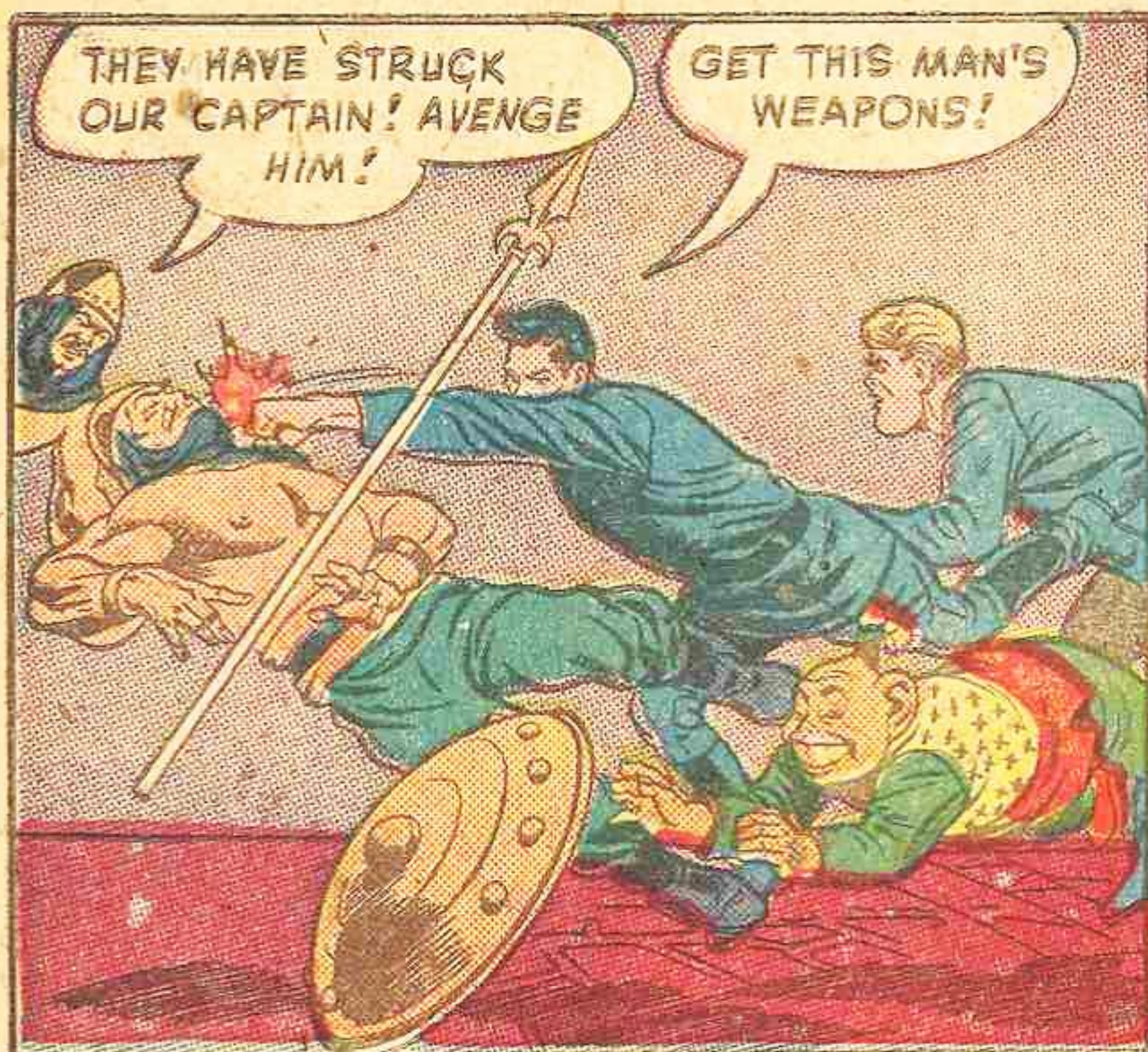
SO MUCH ON ONE HINGE... THAT OUGHT TO WEAKEN IT!



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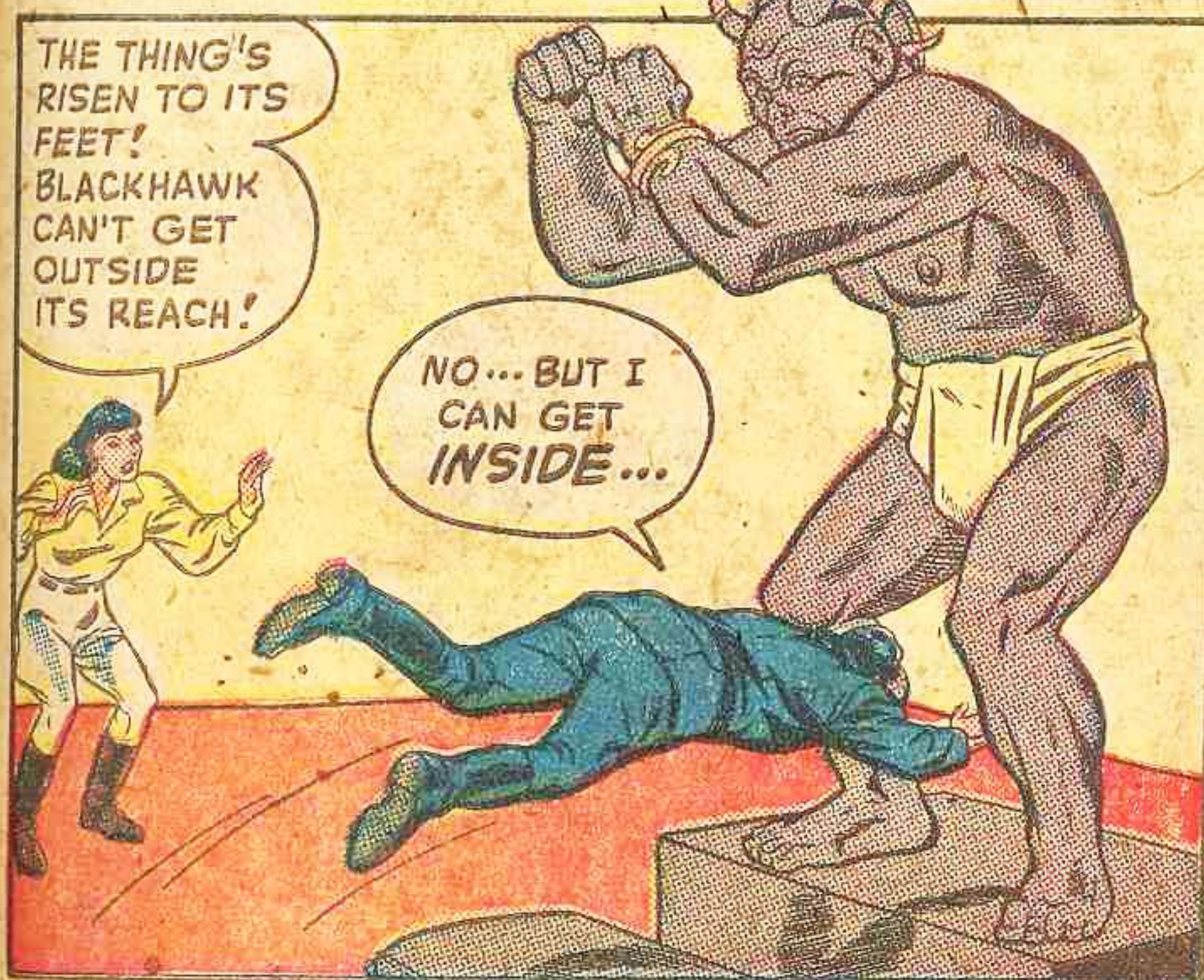
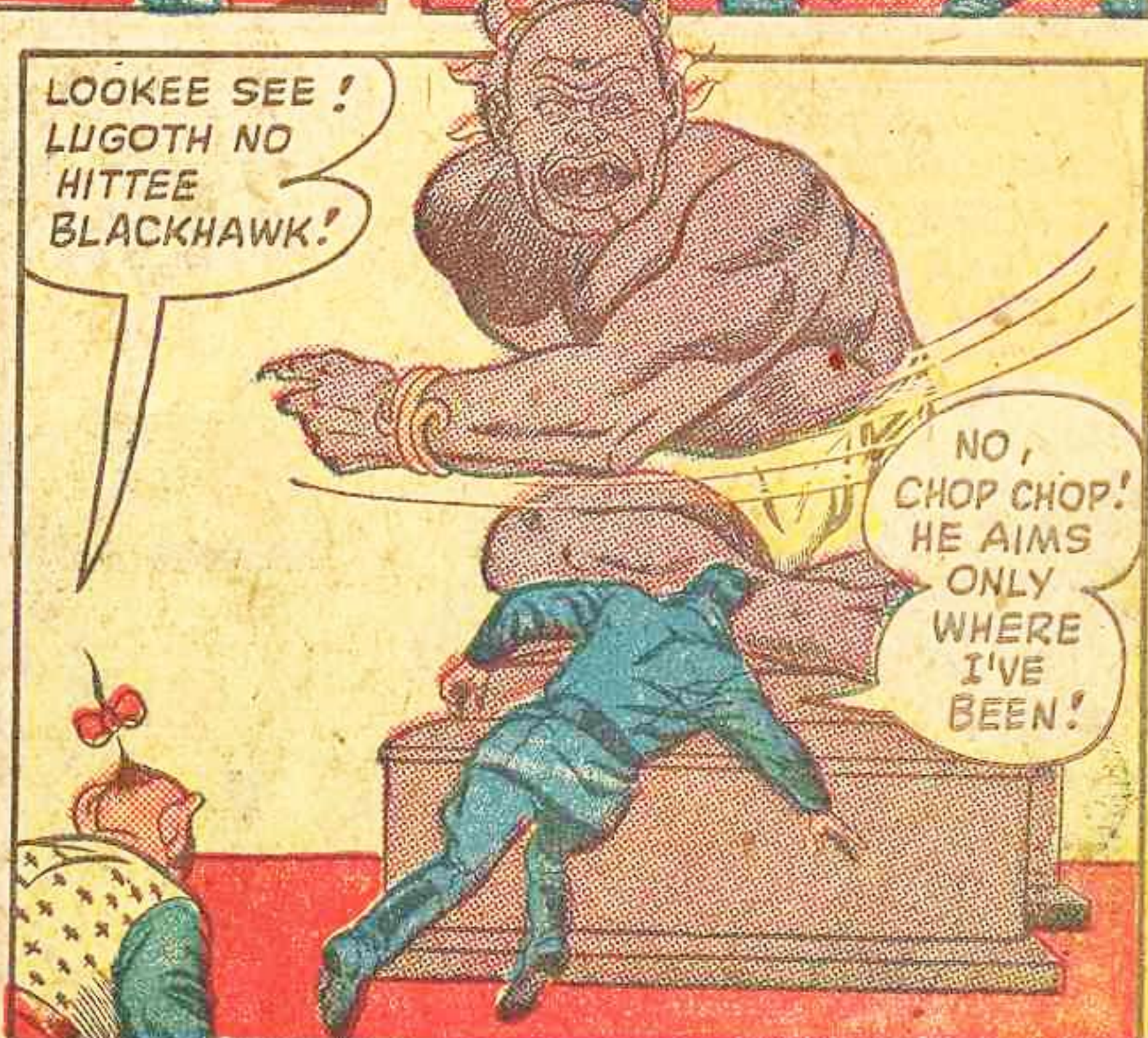




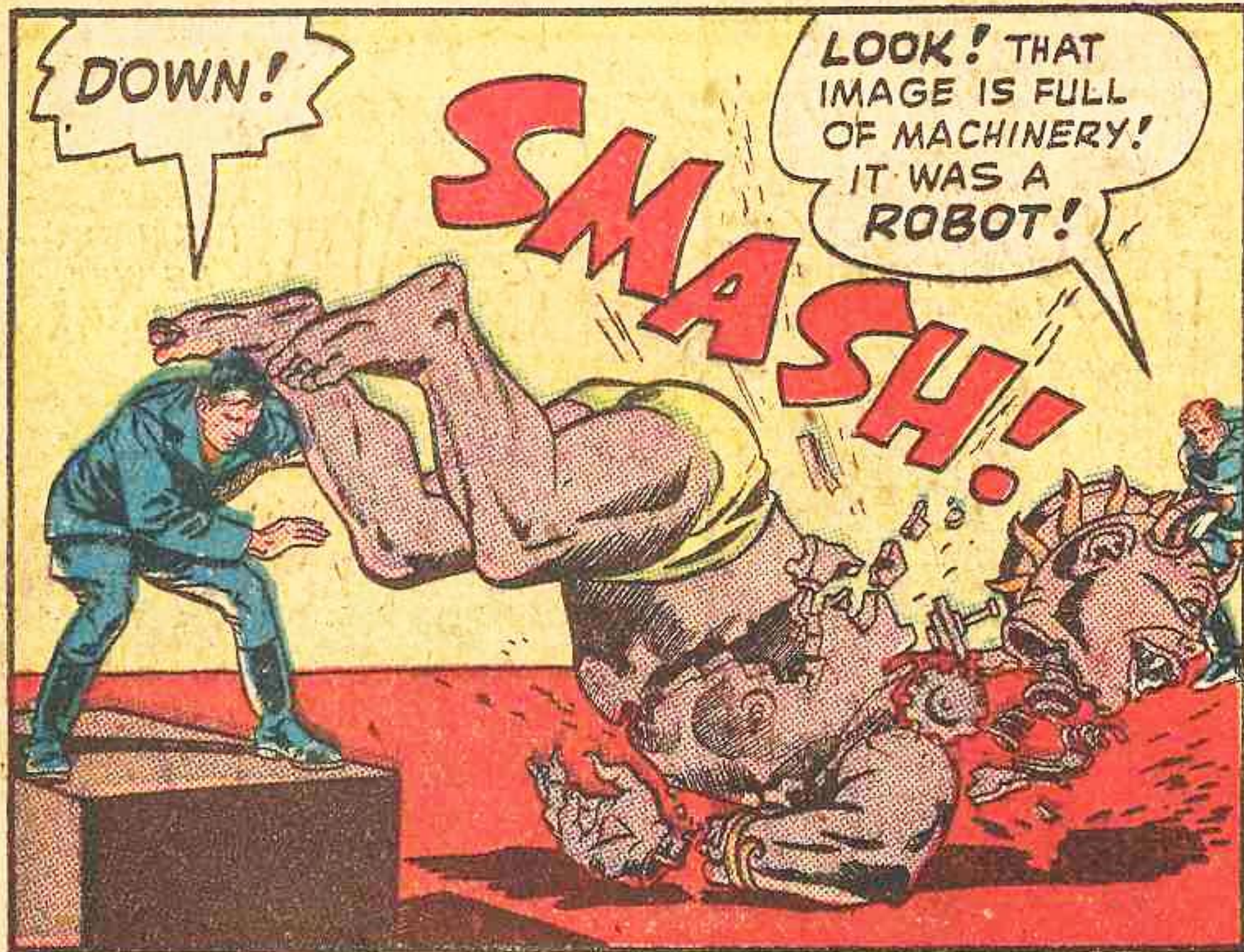




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LOOK! THAT IMAGE IS FULL OF MACHINERY! IT WAS A ROBOT!

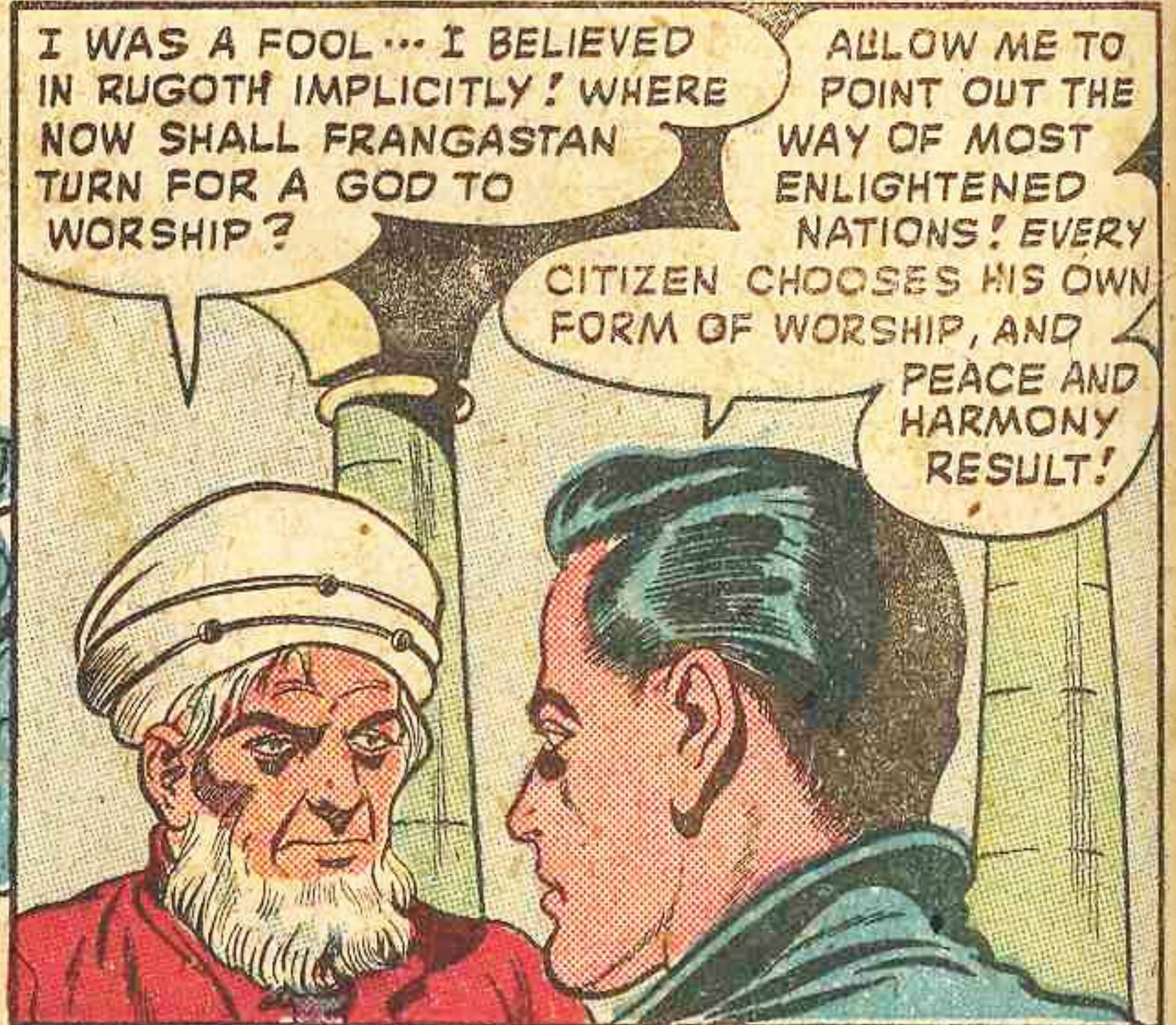


IT IS STRELLOS... THE SCULPTOR WHO MADE RUGOTH!



YES...I SAW A CHANCE TO RULE A NATION AS ITS GOD! I MADE THE IMAGE MOVE AND SPEAK AS I OPERATED IT!..

HE'S DYING! SO ENDS A WEIRD STORY OF FRUSTRATED AMBITION GONE TO SEED!



I WAS A FOOL... I BELIEVED IN RUGOTH IMPLICITLY! WHERE NOW SHALL FRANGASTAN TURN FOR A GOD TO WORSHIP?

ALLOW ME TO POINT OUT THE WAY OF MOST ENLIGHTENED NATIONS! EVERY CITIZEN CHOOSES HIS OWN FORM OF WORSHIP, AND PEACE AND HARMONY RESULT!



A NOBLE NOTION! I SHALL TELL THE STORY TO MY PEOPLE AND SHOW THEM THE WAY TO FREEDOM OF BELIEF!

THEN WE SHALL SAY GOOD-BYE! FEAR, WE'LL GIVE YOU A LIFT TO WHEREVER YOU'RE GOING FROM HERE!



No more shall death and grief Be caused by false belief... WE'RE BLACKHAWKS!



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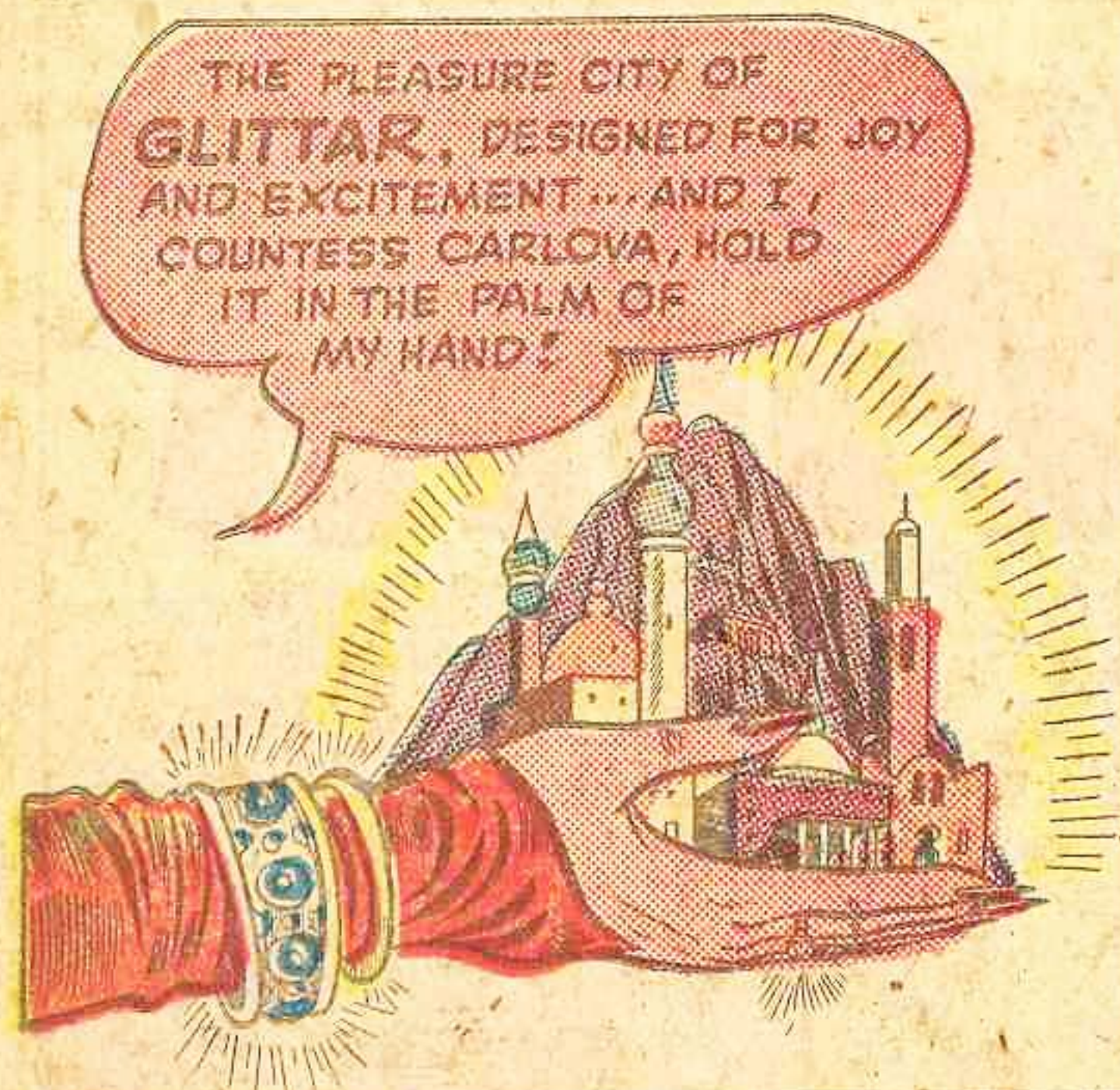
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Even in the platinum setting of GLITTAR, city of boredom and bankrolls, grim monsters of evil stalk... and an idle whim of the city's greatest beauty summons the BLACKHAWKS to what proves to be one of the closest fought battles of their career!

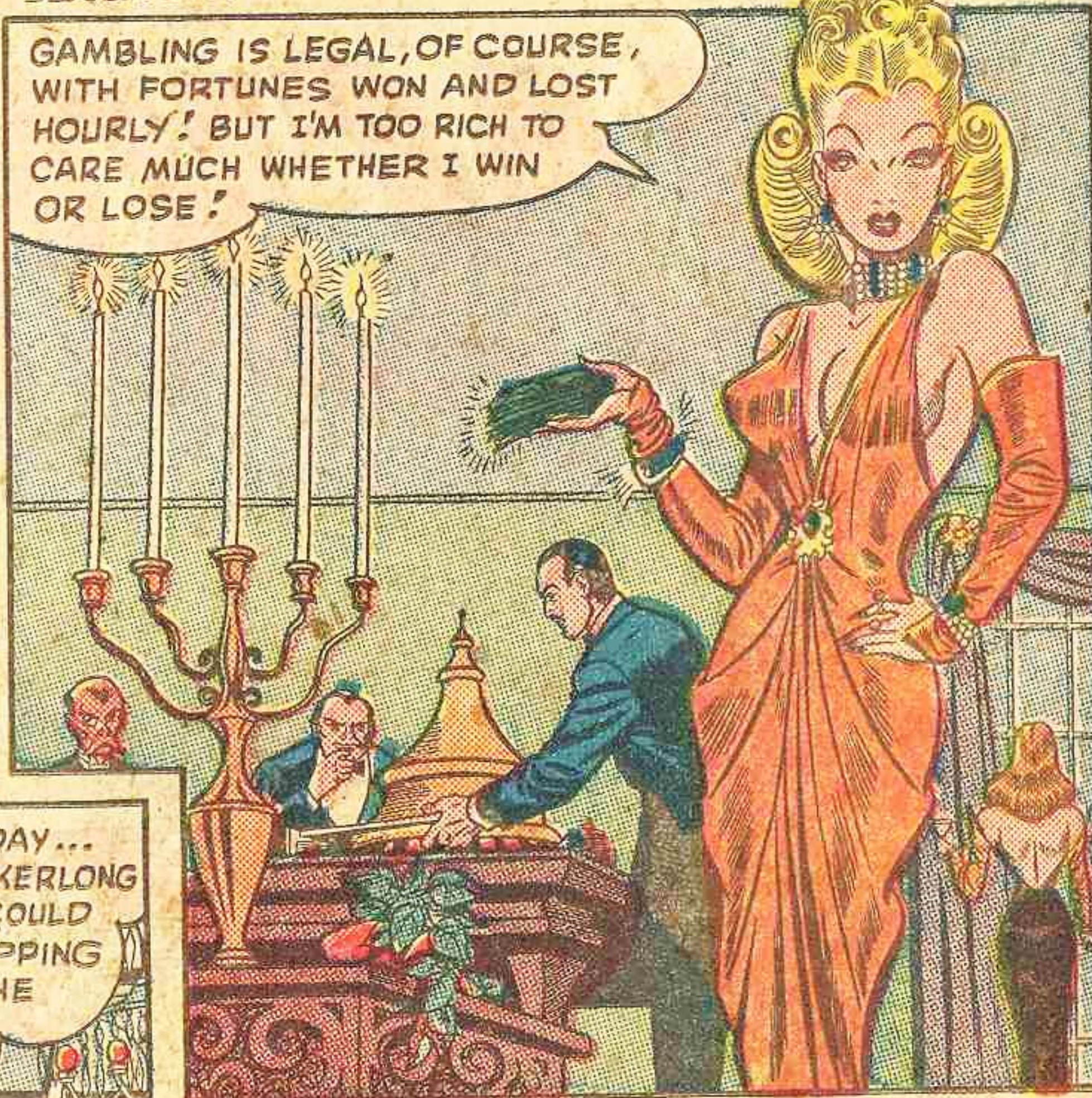




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THE PLEASURE CITY OF **GLITTAR**, DESIGNED FOR JOY AND EXCITEMENT... AND I, COUNTESS CARLOVA, HOLD IT IN THE PALM OF MY HAND!



GAMBLING IS LEGAL, OF COURSE, WITH FORTUNES WON AND LOST HOURLY! BUT I'M TOO RICH TO CARE MUCH WHETHER I WIN OR LOSE!



DAY AND NIGHT, NIGHT AND DAY... A WHIRL OF FUN! PRINCE KERLONG IS SO ATTENTIVE... I COULD COMMAND HIM BY SNAPPING MY FINGERS, BUT IS HE WORTH SNAPPING THEM FOR?



SPORTS... ALL KINDS OF SPORTS! I'M GOOD AT ALL OF THEM, BUT JUST NOW I DON'T WANT ANY OF THEM! SOMETHING IS **LACKING** IN GLITTAR... AND NATURALLY, I'M GOING TO SUPPLY IT!



YES, MILADY! YOU SAY YOU WISH...

BLACKHAWK! HE AND HIS HEROES MUST BE SUMMONED **AT ONCE!**



BUT, MY DEAR COUNTESS CARLOVA, YOU CAN'T MEAN... ON WHAT DO YOU BASE THIS STRANGE FANCY?

IT **ISN'T** A FANCY! GLITTAR IS RICH AND POORLY GUARDED! DANGER IS UPON THE CITY... DANGER OF ROBBERY, VIOLENCE, MURDER!



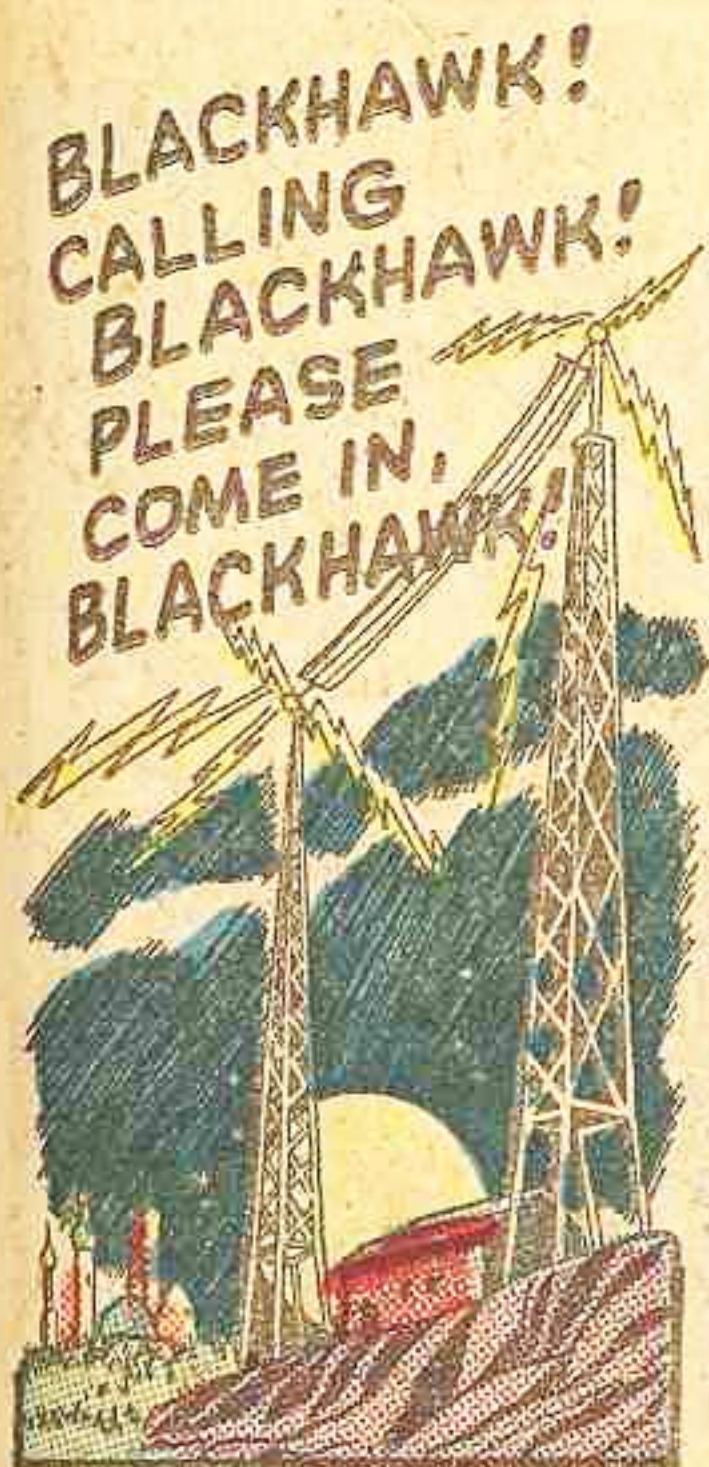
ONLY THE BLACKHAWKS CAN FIND AND PUNISH THE EVIL MENACE! SEND FOR THEM!

AT ONCE! AT ONCE! IT SHALL BE DONE!

RADIO BROADCAST



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Afar, at a secret sending station in the hills...

AN URGENT APPEAL TO THE BLACKHAWKS, BUT WITHOUT THE CODED FLASH SIGNAL! WHAT SHOULD WE DO?

PROBABLY IT'S IMPORTANT! RELAY IT WITH THE CODE WORD WE KNOW!



NO RESPONSE, YOU SAY? NO RESPONSE? BUT... BUT I INSIST!

MILADY, THE BLACKHAWKS ARE EXCESSIVELY HARD TO REACH BY RADIO! WE SHALL KEEP TRYING, AND REPORT LATER!



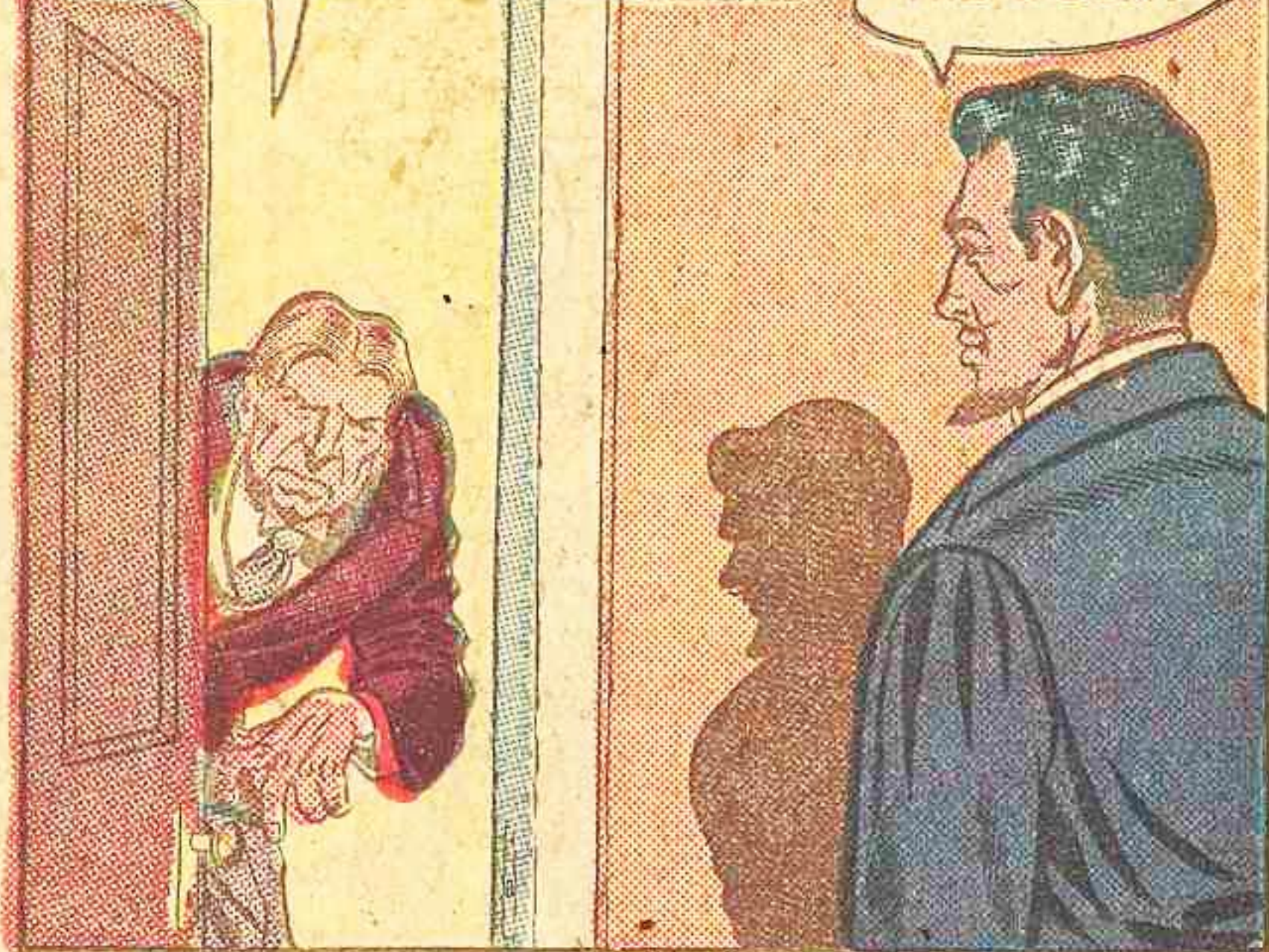
CARLOVA, MY DEAR! THIS TERRIBLE SUSPICION YOU HAVE... CAN YOU NOT CONFIDE IN ME? I WOULD GLADLY FIGHT FOR YOU... DIE FOR YOU!

I'M AFRAID IT WOULDN'T BE ENOUGH, PRINCE KERLONG! NOW PLEASE LEAVE ME ALONE...



SOMETHING IS WRONG, YOUR HIGHNESS?

VERY WRONG, INDEED! DON'T ASK FOOLISH QUESTIONS OUT HERE... LET ME IN AND LOCK THE DOOR!



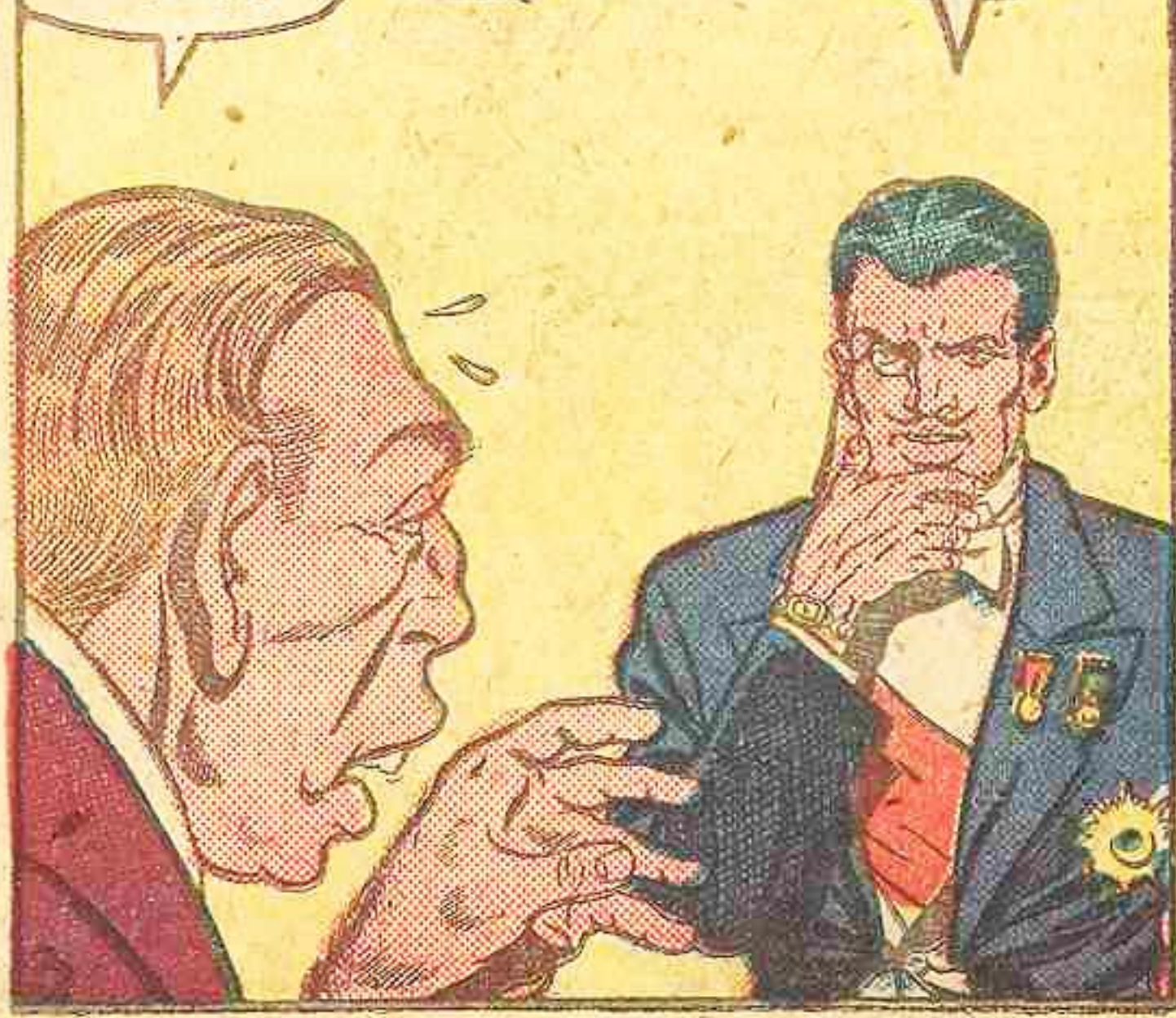
NOW THAT WE'RE ALONE... LET'S REMEMBER THAT YOU'RE THE PRINCE AND I'M THE VALET ONLY BEFORE THE PUBLIC! SPIT IT OUT... WHAT'S HAPPENED?

CARLOVA SEEMS TO HAVE A SUSPICION OF WHAT'S IN STORE FOR HER AND GLITTAR! SHE'S CALLING IN THE BLACKHAWKS!



BLACKHAWKS? YOU'VE BUNGLED YOUR ASSIGNMENT, YOU FOOL!

WE MUST GO TO THE CHIEF, AT ONCE!





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A few minutes later, in Glitter's slum quarter...

SO YOU BUNGLED IT, KERLONG! I CHOSE YOU FOR YOUR LOOKS AND MANNERS... HELPED YOU FORGE CREDENTIALS AS A **PRINCE**... SAW THAT YOU MET CARLOVA AND CHARMED HER! AND NOW, WHEN WE ARE FINALLY READY TO DRAIN ALL THE GOLD OF GLITTER, YOU...

BUT I DID NOTHING TO GIVE HER A HINT THAT MY ATTENTIONS WERE A CLOAK FOR A ROBBERY PLAN! I AM INNOCENT!



WHO ELSE BUT YOU COULD DROP A HINT TO HER? I'VE A MIND TO ASK OUR FRIEND HERE TO BREAK YOUR NECK AS A SLIGHT **WARNING!**

PLEASE LISTEN! SHE HASN'T CONTACTED THE **BLACK-HAWKS** YET! IF WE MOVE QUICKLY, WE MAY SUCCEED BEFORE THEY CAN COME!



THEN GO AND REASSURE HER! YOUR LIFE DEPENDS ON IT! TONIGHT OUR HENCHMEN WILL STRIKE... I'VE GOTTEN THEM JOBS AS WAITERS, MUSICIANS, CARETAKERS, AT KEY POINTS EVERYWHERE...

THANK YOU FOR THIS CHANCE! I WON'T FAIL, CHIEF!



THERE SHE IS... ALONE IN THE PARK! LURE HER TO THIS **QUIET, ROMANTIC SPOT** AND I'LL DO THE REST!

GHASTLY! I WAS NEVER A MURDERER... ONLY A **SOCIAL CROOK!** BUT WHAT MUST BE, MUST BE!



CARLOVA, MY BEAUTIFUL ONE! WHATEVER I'VE DONE TO OFFEND YOU, PLEASE FORGIVE ME! COME, LET'S SIT YONDER AND TALK!

I WISH TO SPEAK TO NO ONE EXCEPT **BLACKHAWK!**

BUT **BLACKHAWK** DOES NOT COME, CARLOVA, AND I AM HERE! PLEASE...



**YOU'RE WRONG, KERLONG!** LOOK OVERHEAD... THE **BLACKHAWK PLANES!**







QUICK, KERLONG,  
A TAXI! TAKE ME  
TO THE AIRPORT!

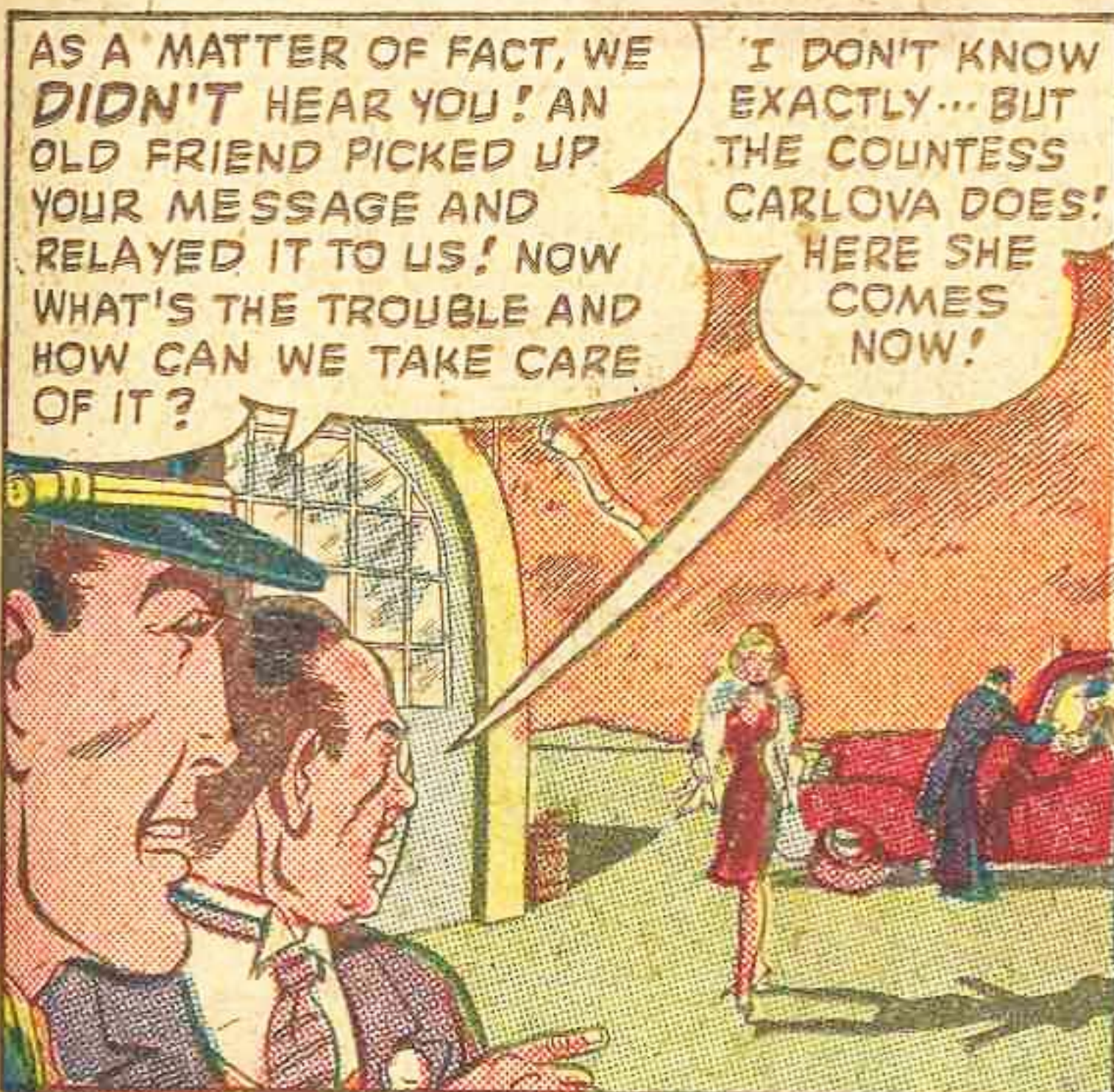
YOU FOOL!  
ANOTHER SLIP-UP  
AND THE BOSS  
WON'T STAND FOR  
ANY MORE!



At the Glitter municipal airport...

STICK WITH THE PLANES,  
CHUCK! WE'LL FIND OUT  
WHAT'S WHAT HERE!

BLACKHAWK...THE  
**GREAT BLACKHAWK!**  
YOU DID HEAR OUR APPEAL  
FOR HELP! WHY DIDN'T  
YOU ANSWER?



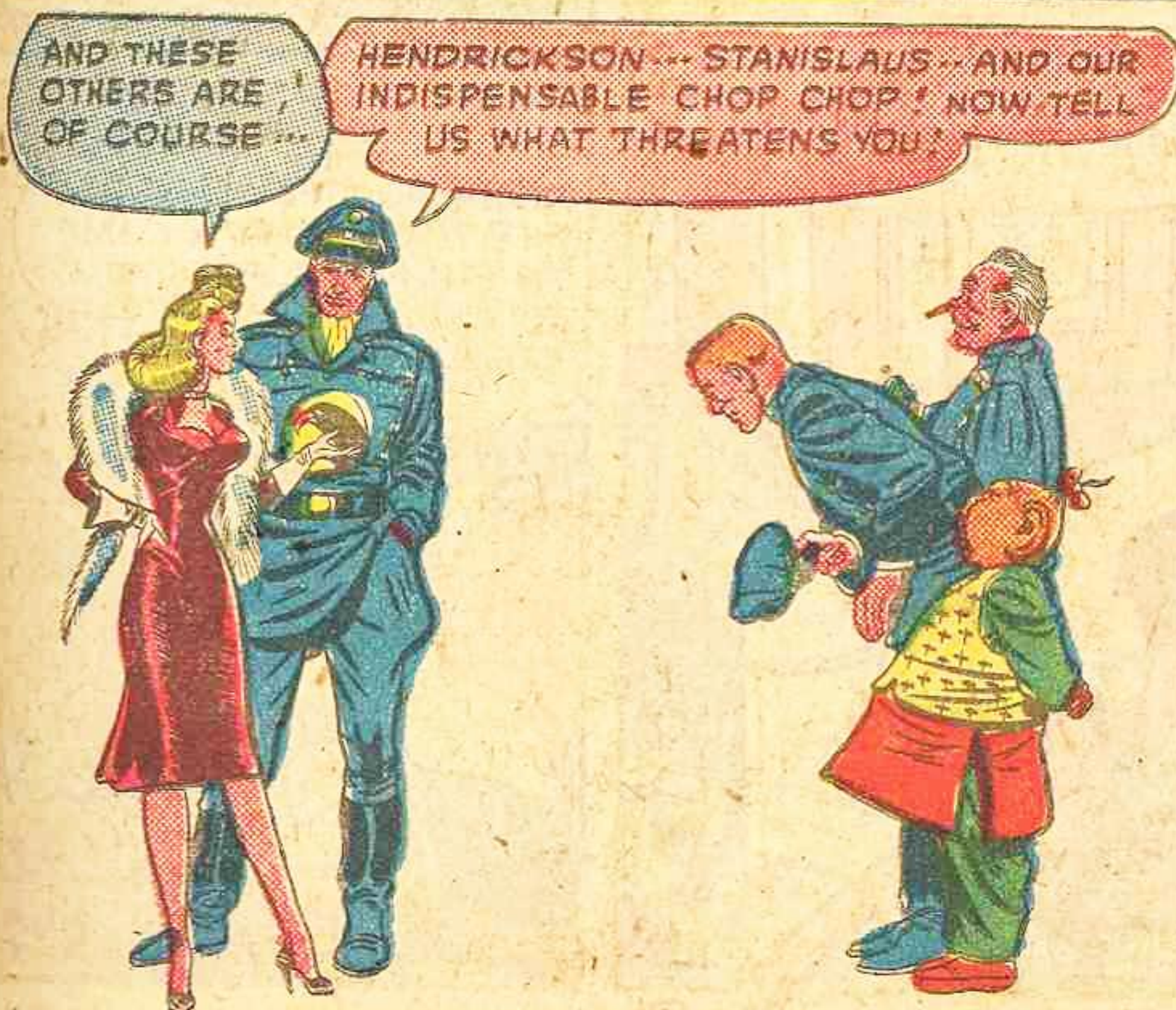
AS A MATTER OF FACT, WE  
**DIDN'T** HEAR YOU! AN  
OLD FRIEND PICKED UP  
YOUR MESSAGE AND  
RELAYED IT TO US! NOW  
WHAT'S THE TROUBLE AND  
HOW CAN WE TAKE CARE  
OF IT?

I DON'T KNOW  
EXACTLY... BUT  
THE COUNTESS  
CARLOVA DOES!  
HERE SHE  
COMES  
NOW!



SO YOU'RE **BLACKHAWK!**  
MMM... AND JUST AS I'VE  
HEARD YOU DESCRIBED BY  
THOSE LUCKY ENOUGH TO  
HAVE MET YOU!

COUNTESS, MAY I  
PRESENT ANDRE?  
AND THIS TALL CHAP  
IS OLAF!



AND THESE  
OTHERS ARE,  
OF COURSE...

HENDRICKSON... STANISLAUS... AND OUR  
INDISPENSABLE CHOP CHOP! NOW TELL  
US WHAT THREATENS YOU!



NOT NOW! I'LL TELL YOU  
WHY I CALLED YOU HERE  
WHEN WE'RE ALONE...  
COMPLETELY ALONE...  
AT **LUNCH!**

WUNDERBAR!  
YOU HEAR  
DOT, STANIS-  
LAUS? LUNCH!  
I HOPE DERE  
ISS PLENTY!



I TELL YOU, SHE SUSPECTS ME! SHE TOOK THAT BUNCH OF BLUE-COATED INTER-LOPERS TO LUNCH AT HER PALACE... AND SNUBBED ME!



YOU WOULD BUNGLER AGAIN, YOU HALF-BRAINED IDIOT! LUCKILY, IT WAS FOR JUST SUCH AN EMERGENCY I PLANTED A TRUSTED LIEUTENANT IN HER EMPLOY AS BUTLER! I'LL JOIN YOU AND SETTLE THIS MATTER!



OLAF, DO YOU THENK WE ARE BEING LEFT OUT OF SOME-THENG SPECIAL?

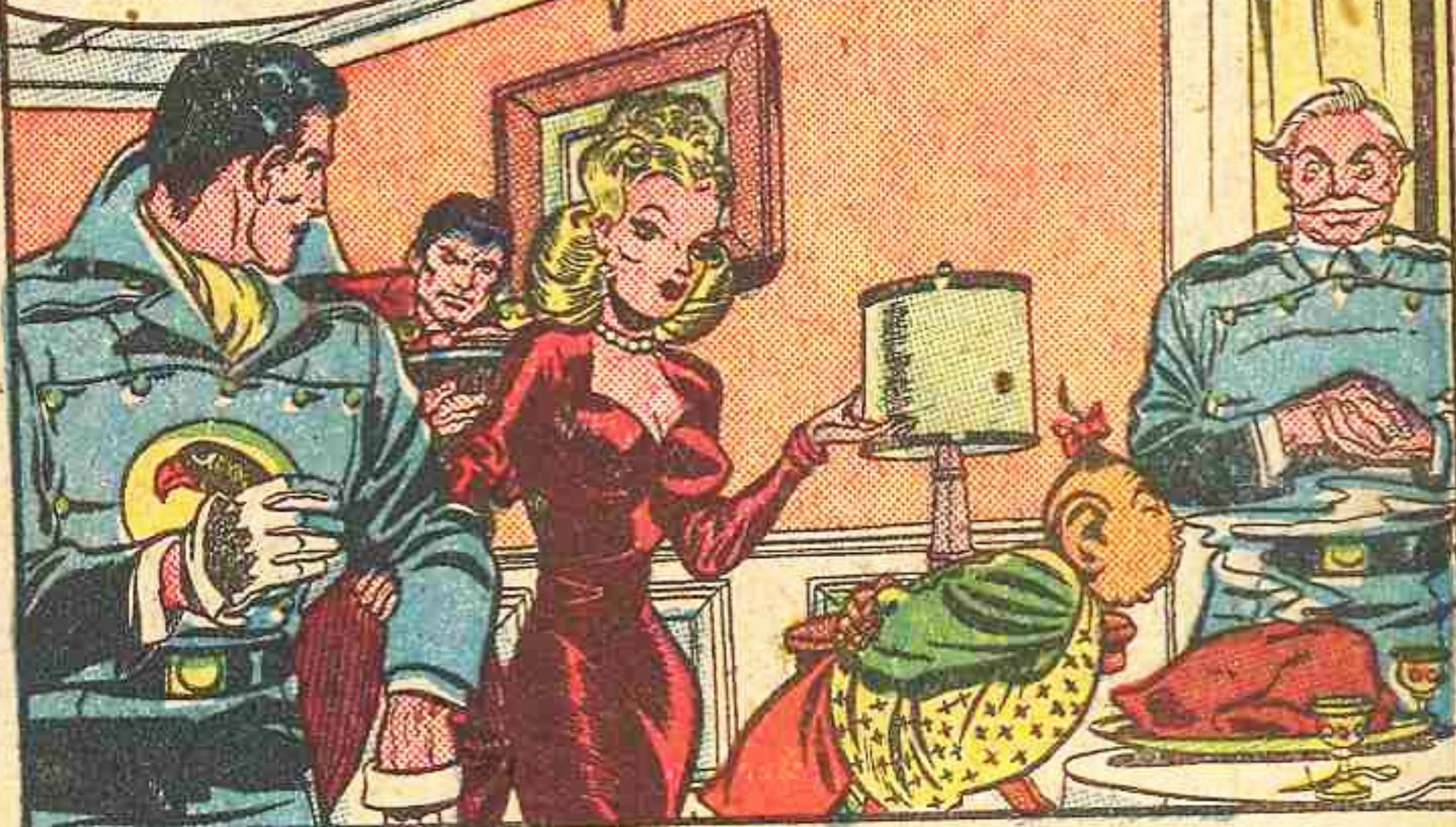
WOMEN SOMETIMES BAN AFFECTED THAT WAY BY BLACKHAWK, ANDRE! AY BAN LAK HENDRICKSON... READY TO EAT WITHOUT WOMAN, JA!



At the palace of Countess Carlova...

I'VE PREPARED THIS TABLE FOR YOUR FRIENDS! YOU AND I, BLACKHAWK, WILL HAVE A PRIVATE CONFERENCE IN THERE... COZIER...MM?

ACH, HOW APPETIZING!



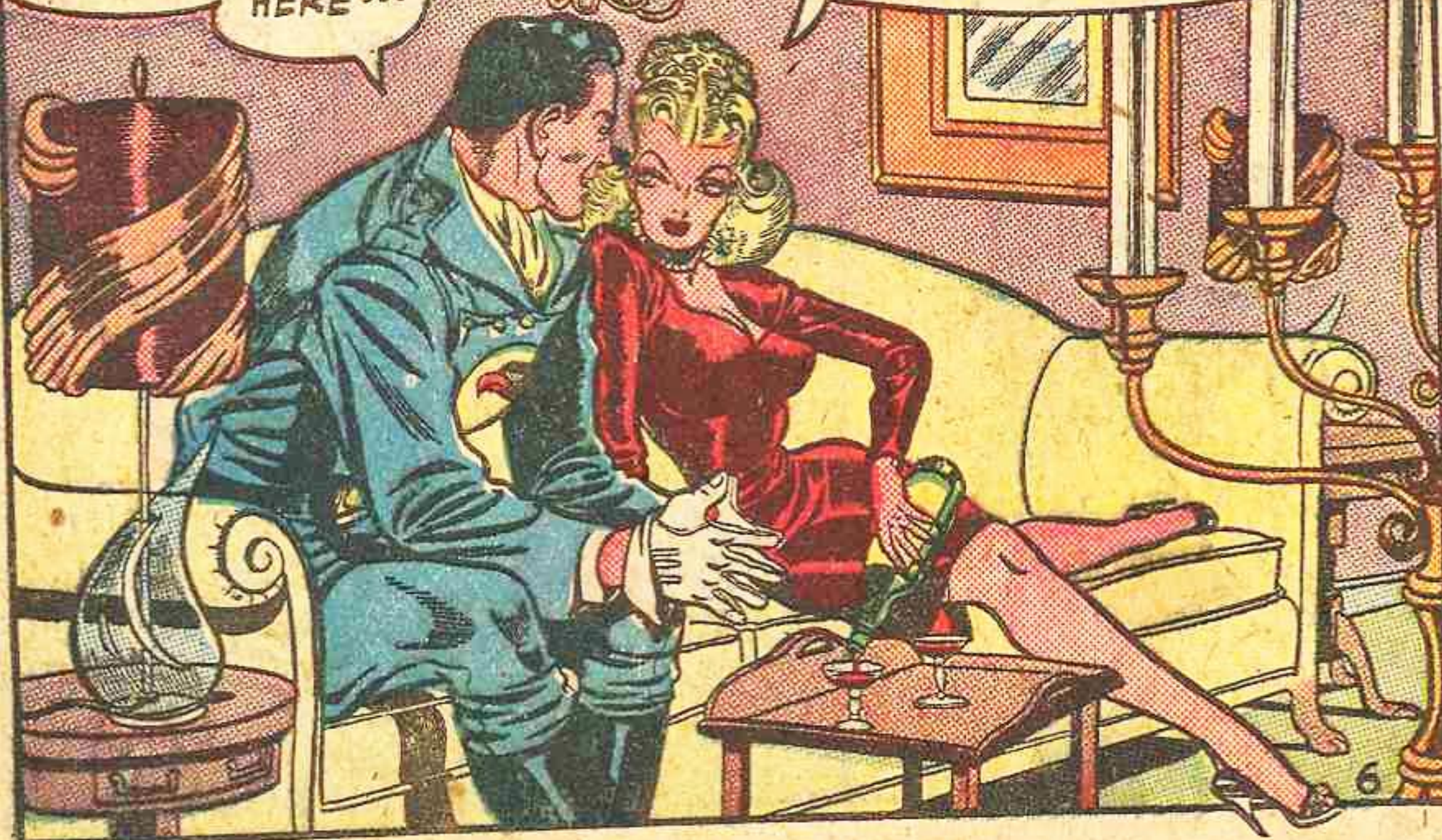
WILL YOU HAVE MORE, BLACKHAWK? I PREPARED THIS WITH MY OWN HANDS... PEOPLE THINK I AM ONLY A SOCIAL BUTTERFLY, BUT I'M REALLY A HOME GIRL AT HEART... WHEN I'M WITH THE RIGHT MAN!

IT HAS BEEN DELICIOUS, COUNTESS! BUT I'VE BEEN WAITING TO HEAR ABOUT THE DANGER WHICH MENACES YOUR CITY!



AFTER ALL, WE DID DROP WHAT WE WERE DOING AND CAME HURRYING HERE...

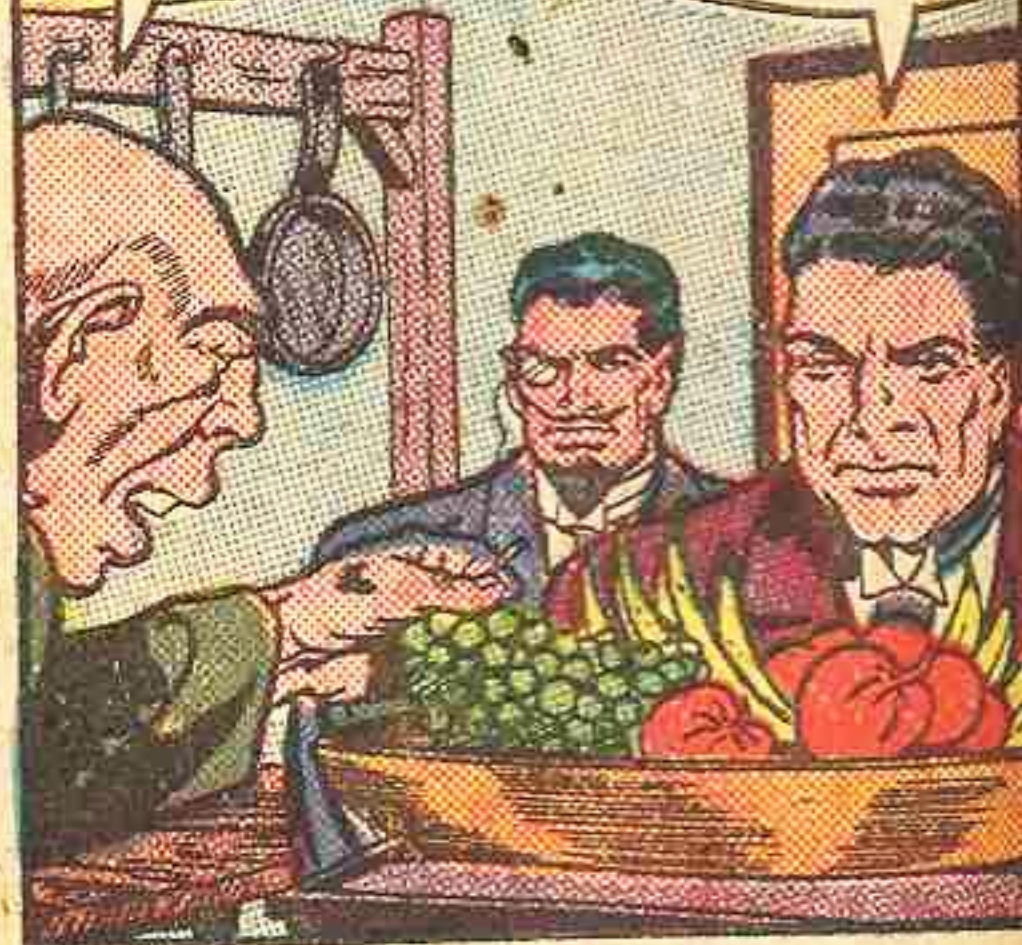
FIRST, TELL ME ABOUT YOURSELF, BLACKHAWK, AND I'LL TELL YOU ABOUT MYSELF!



While in the kitchen...

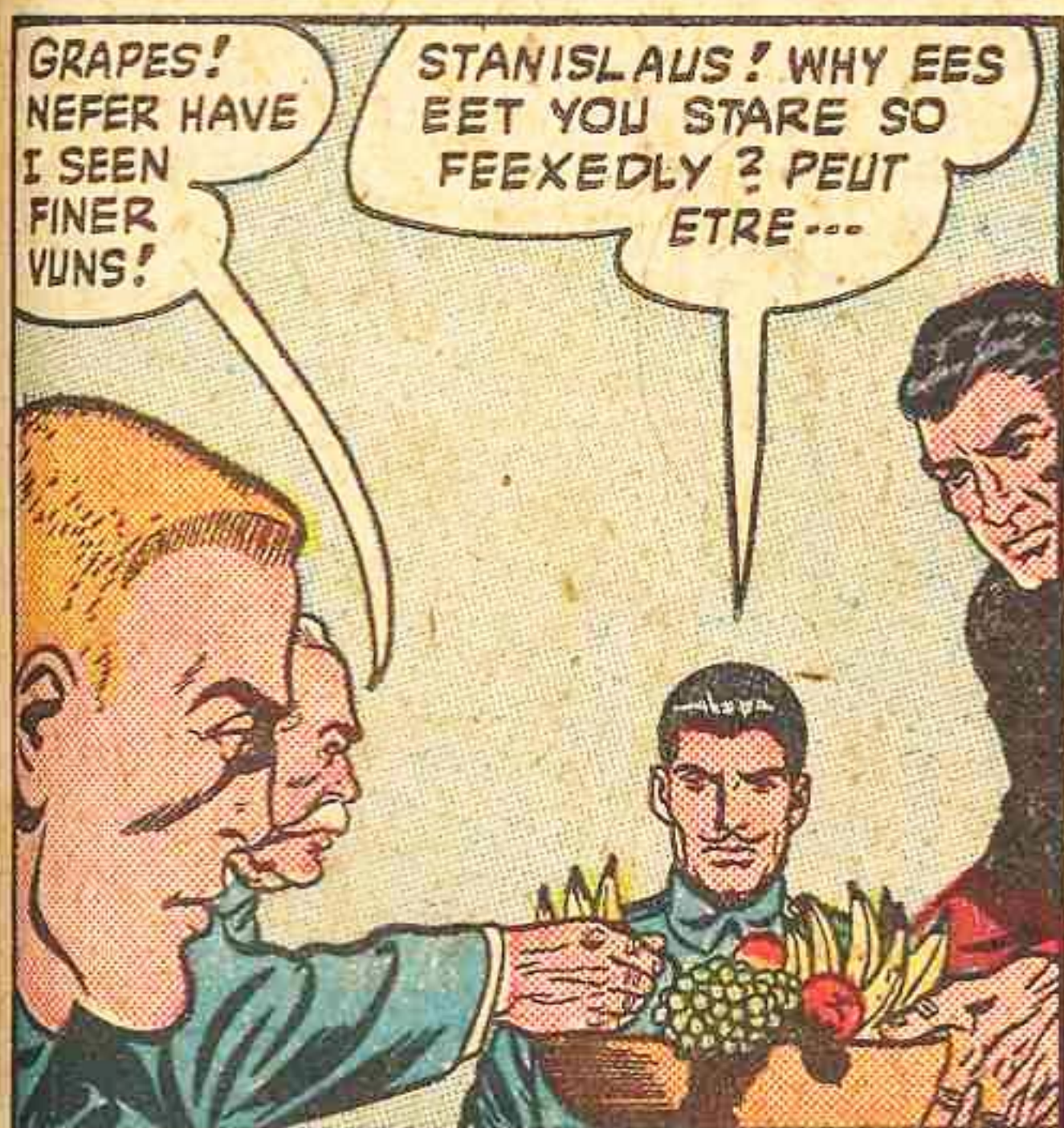
READY FOR THE DESSERT, EH? THAT'S WHAT I CAME TO FIX! SERVE THEM THIS LUSCIOUS TREAT!

AT ONCE, CHIEF!

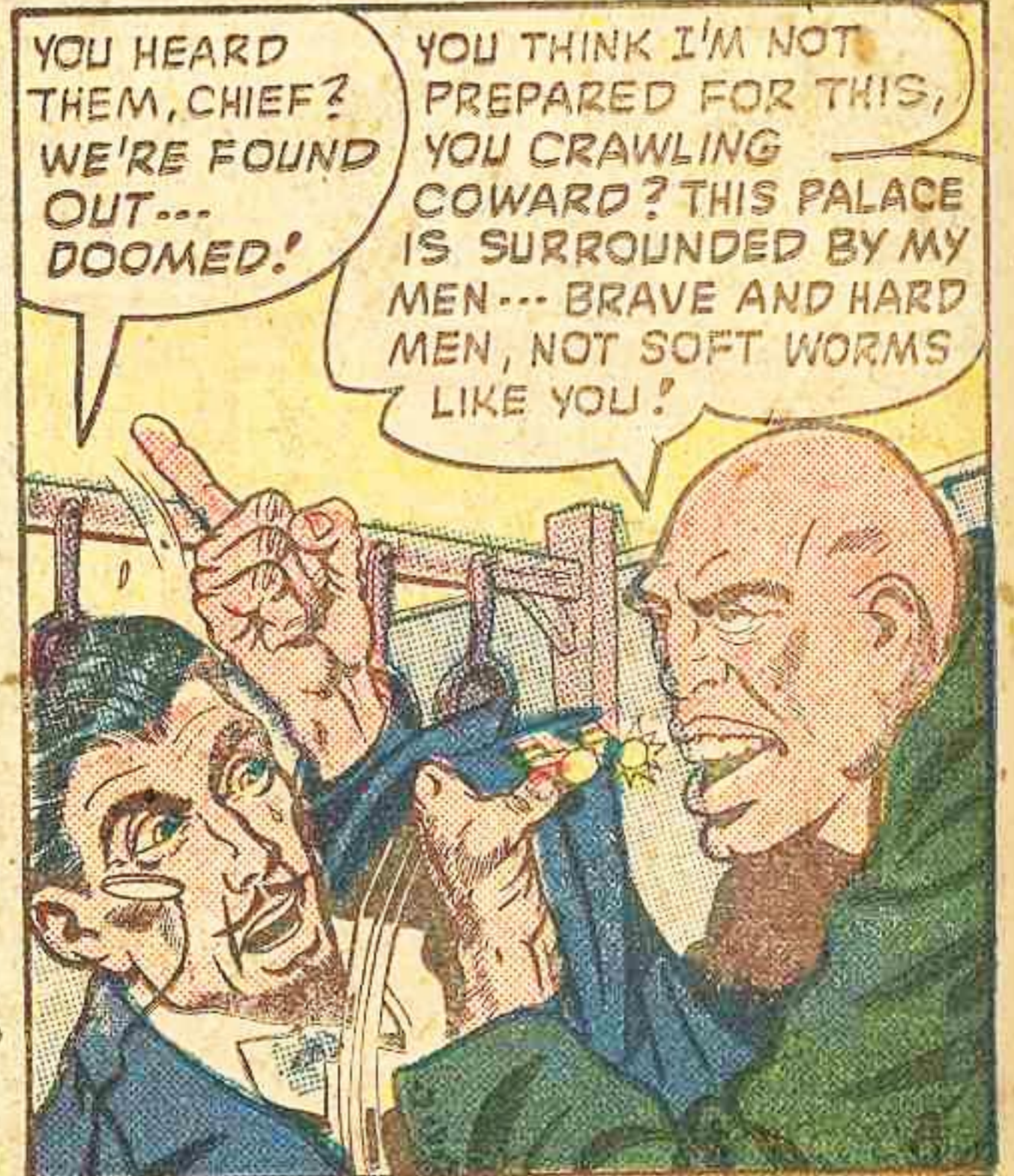
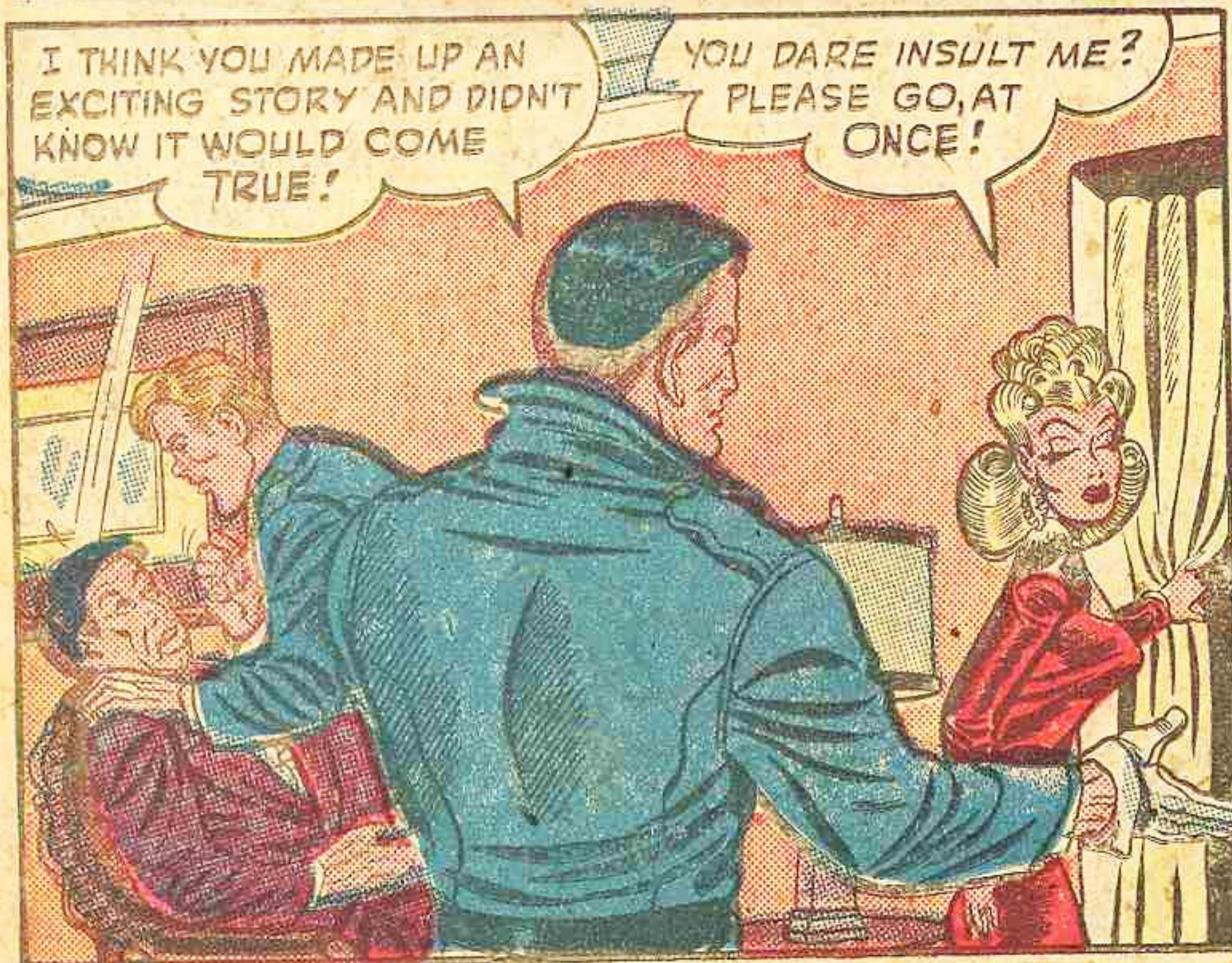




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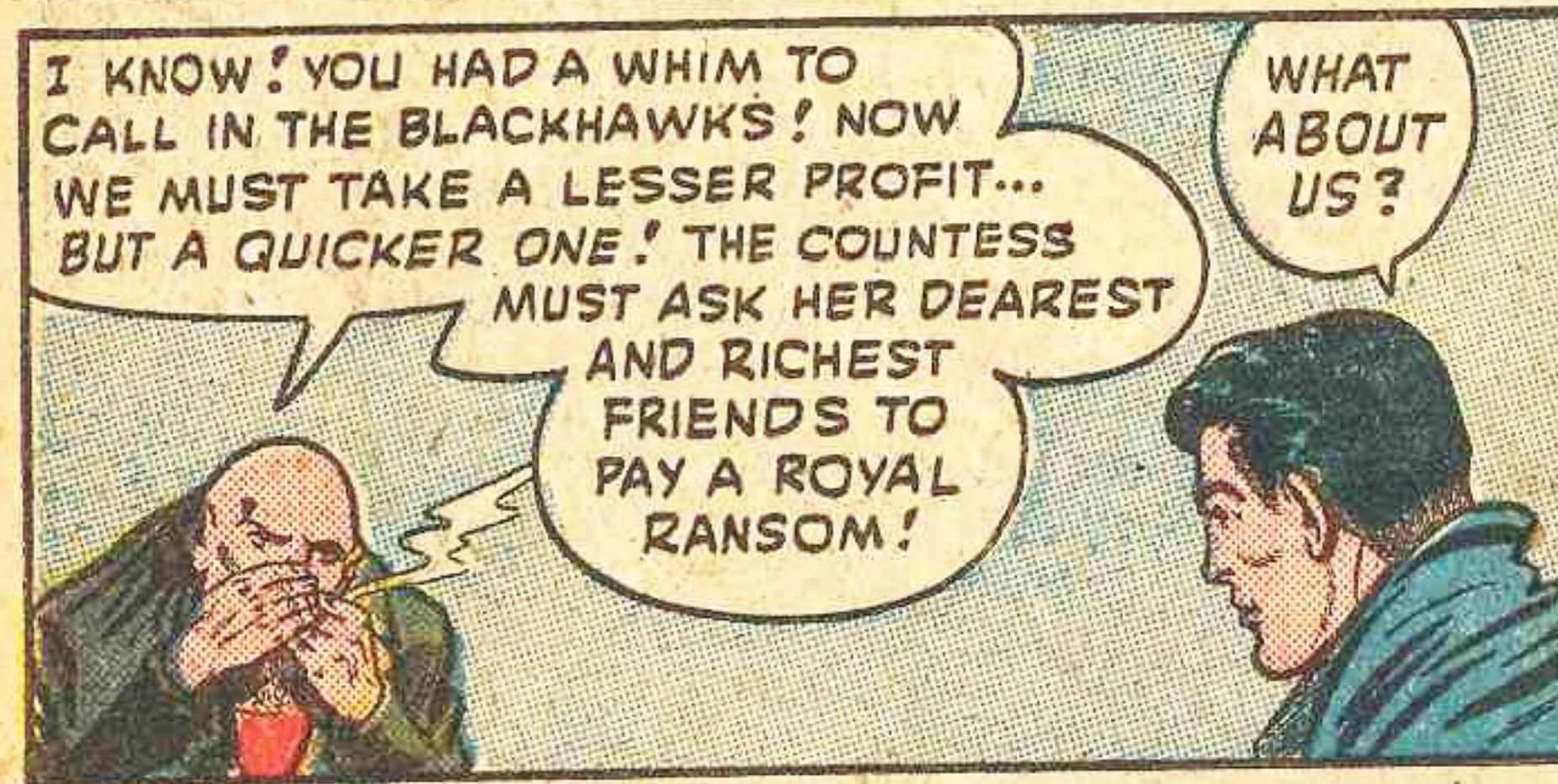




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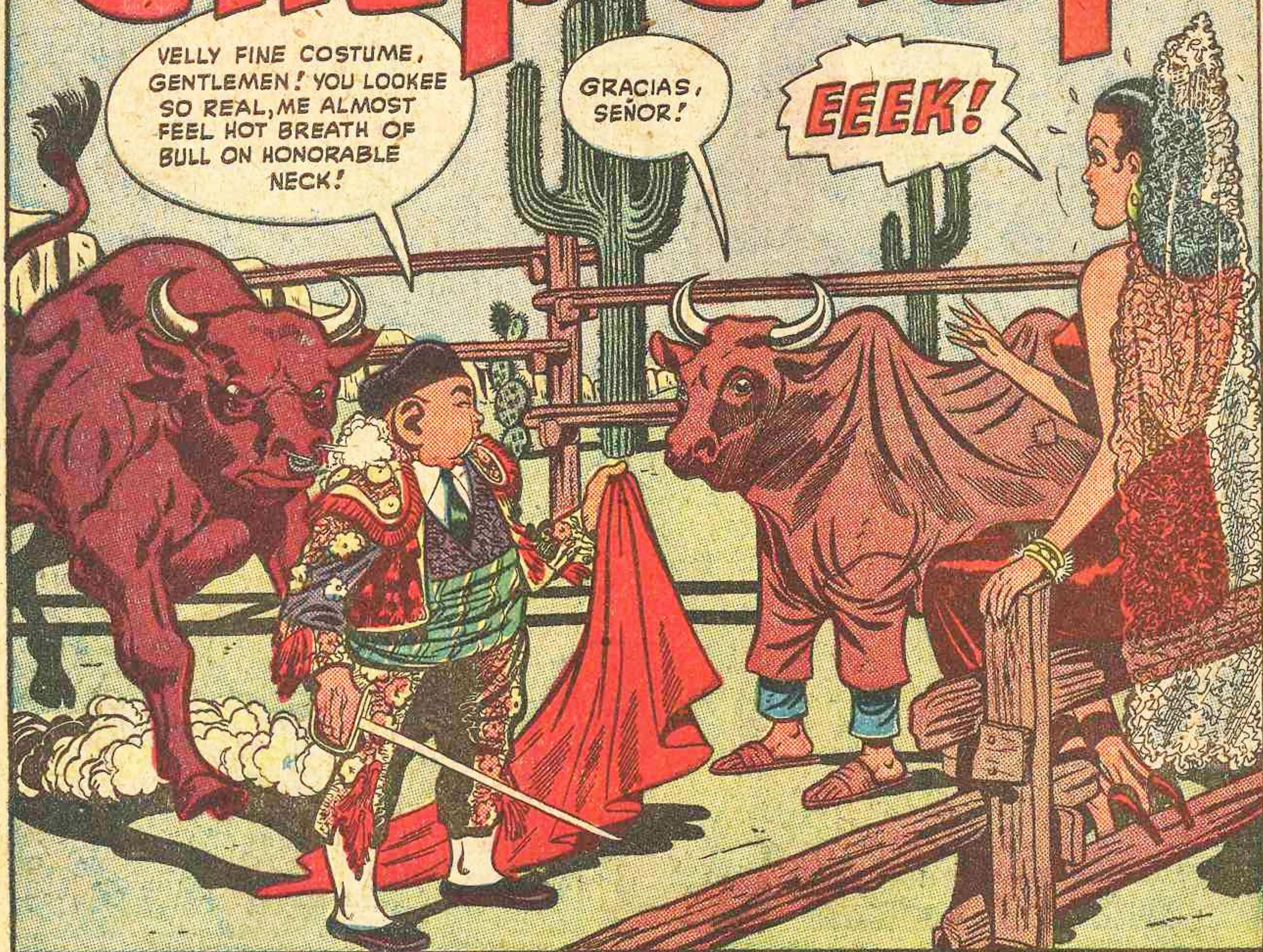


Though crime is  
fierce and strong,  
It trembles at  
our song...  
WE'RE  
BLACKHAWKS!





# Chop Chop



S'LONG, CHOP CHOP! HAVE A GOOD TIME SOUTH OF THE BORDER!

ME TELLEE ALLEE BLACKHAWKS ABOUT VACATION WHEN ME COME BACK! S'LONG!

NOW FOR LONG REST! ALLEE WORK AND NO PLAY MAKEE CHOP CHOP GO UP IN AIR!

A few hours later...

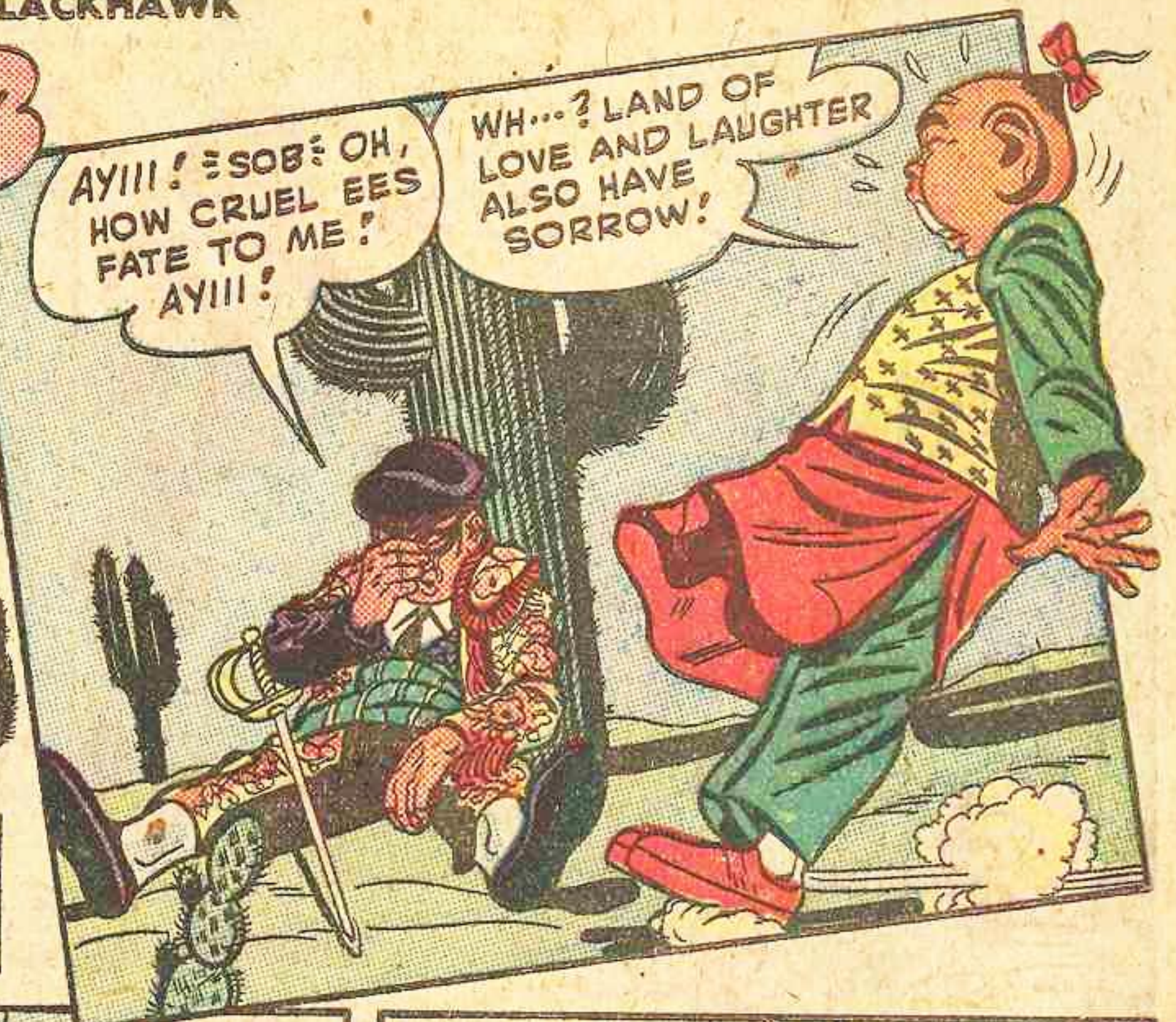
MMM! VELLY QUIET AND ROMANTIC, JUST LIKEE TRAVEL BOOK SAY!







AHA! I SEE A GRINGO TOURIST! HE WEEL FEET EENTO MY PLANS!



AYIII! SOB! OH, HOW CRUEL EES FATE TO ME! AYIII!

WH...? LAND OF LOVE AND LAUGHTER ALSO HAVE SORROW!



WISE MAN SAY IT FOOLISH TO IRRIGATE DESERT WITH TEARS! WHAT IS TROUBLE, MISTER?

I MUST GO! SOB! SOB! VISIT SICK BROTHER EEN CHINA, BUT CAN'T GO DRESSED LIKE MEXICAN!



VELLY SIMPLE PLOBLEM! YOU TAKEE MY CLOTHES, VISIT MY COUNTLEE... AND I TAKEE YOURS WHILE VISIT YOUR COUNTLEE!

AH, GRACIAS, SEÑOR, GRACIAS! I WEEL NOT FORGET YOU EEN MY WILL WHEN YOU DIE!

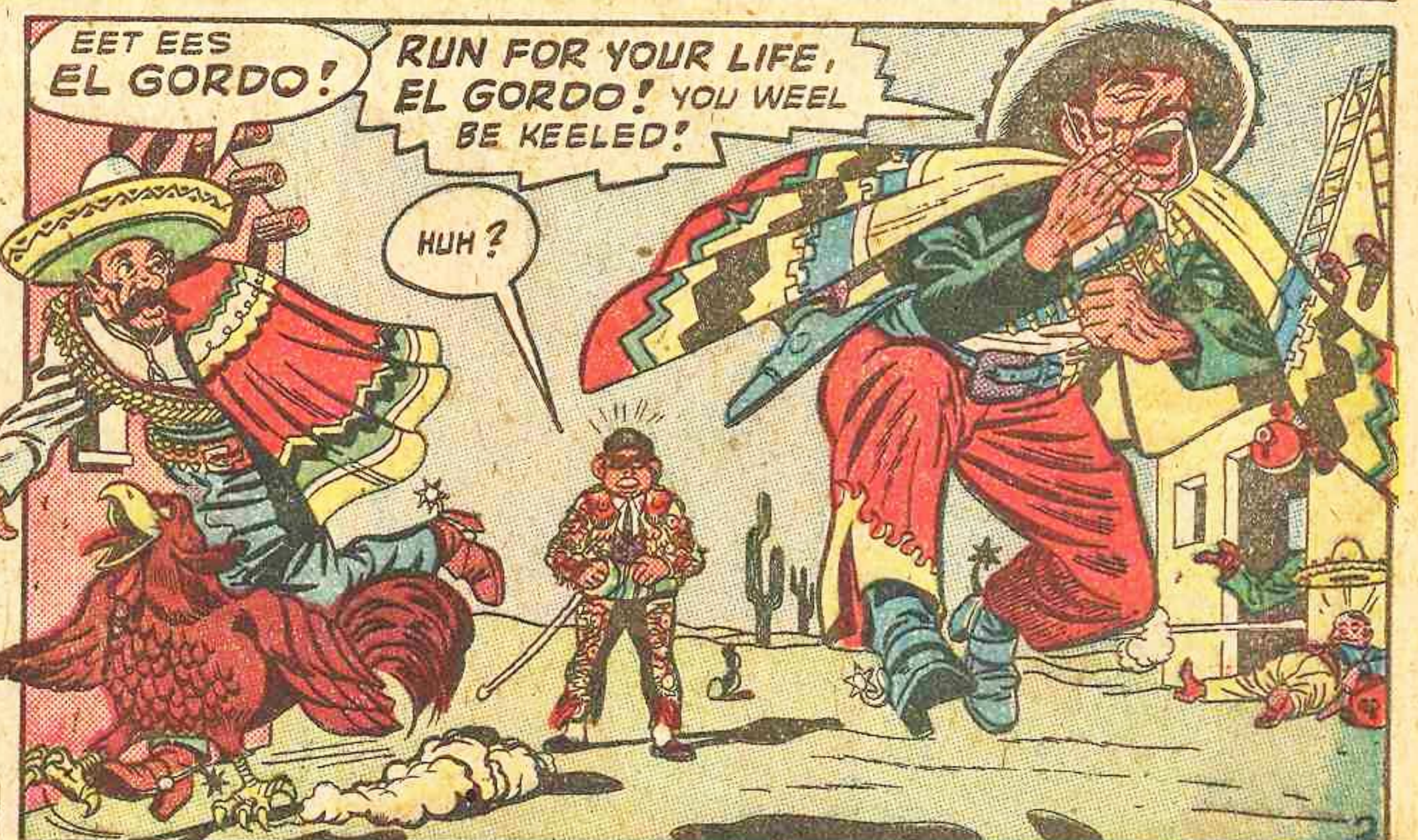


VELLY STRANGE COSTUME IS WORN IN MEXICO!

HASTA LA VISTA, SEÑOR! YOU WEEL NOT BE SORRY, I HOPE!



ME FEEL LIKEE NATIVE ALREADY! WHEN IN MEXICO, MUST DO AS MEXICANS DO!

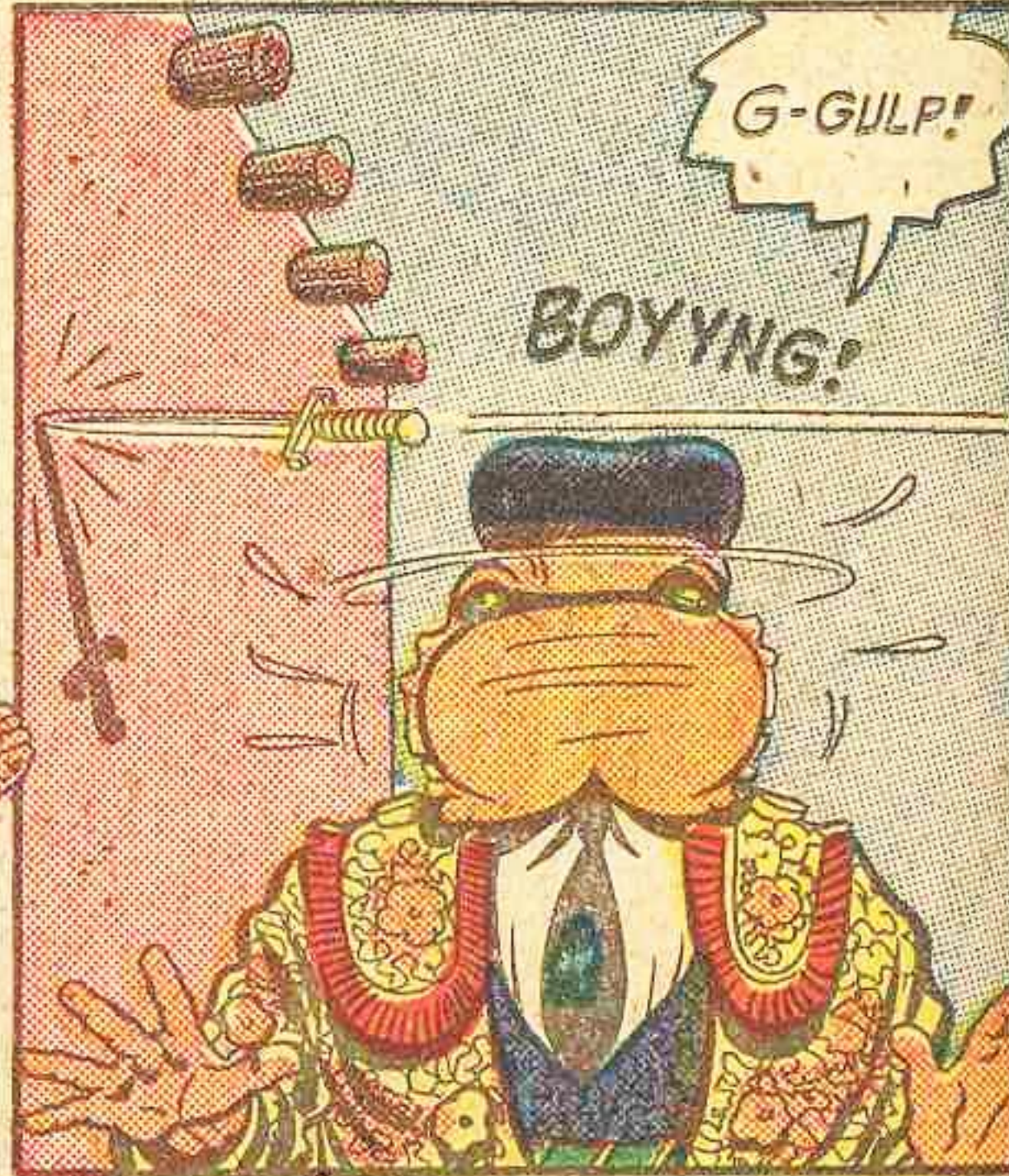


EET EES EL GORDO!

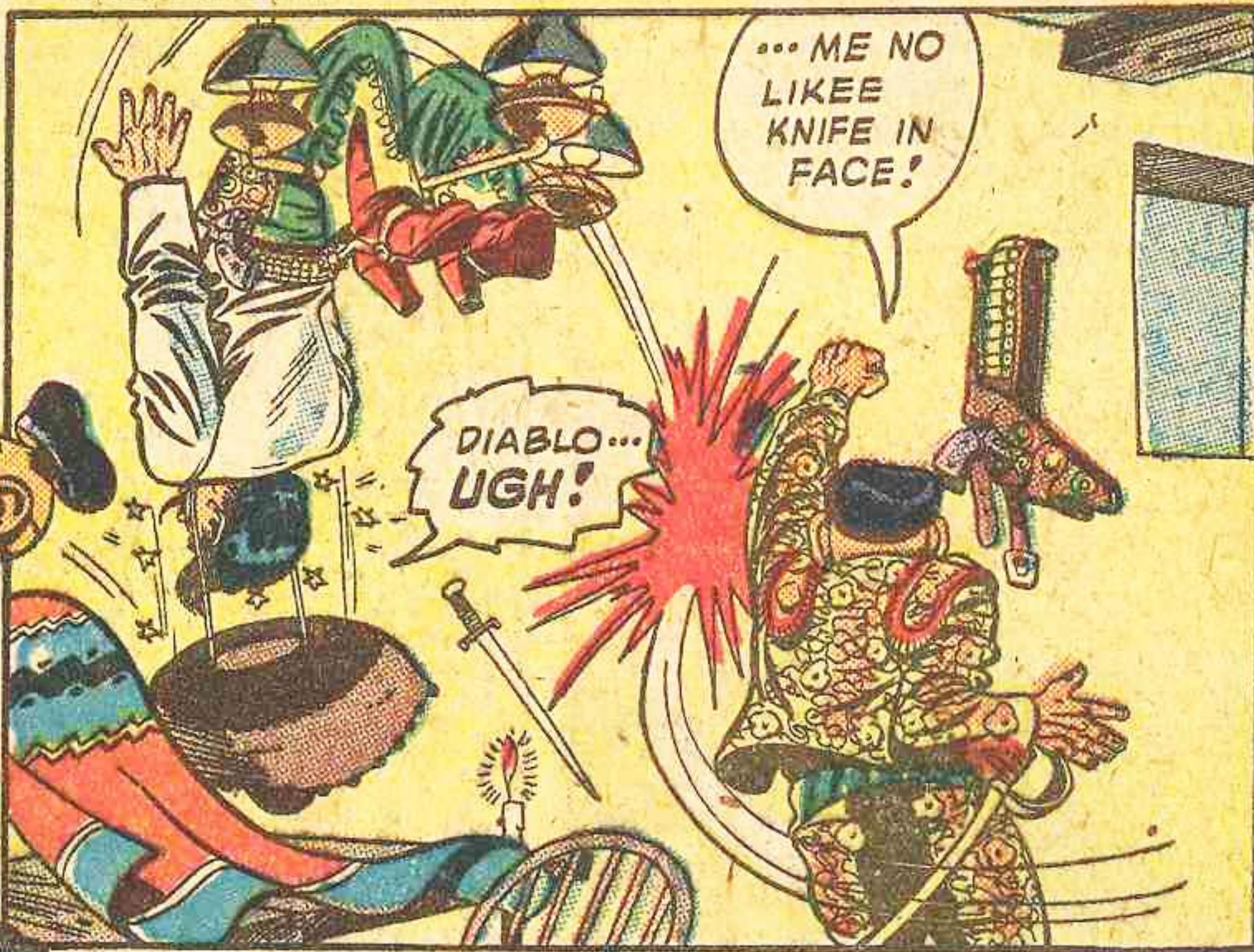
RUN FOR YOUR LIFE, EL GORDO! YOU WEEL BE KEELED!

HUH?

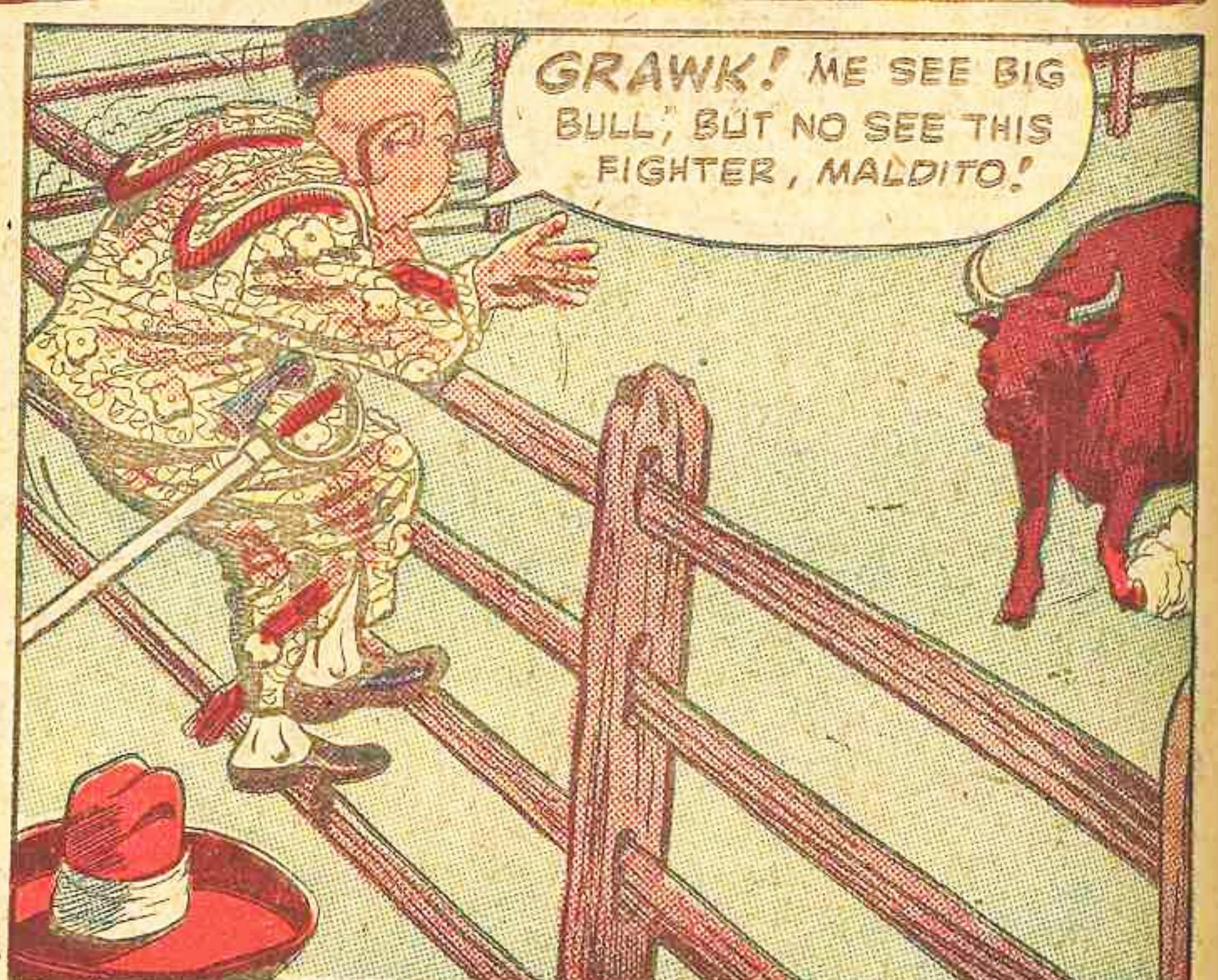




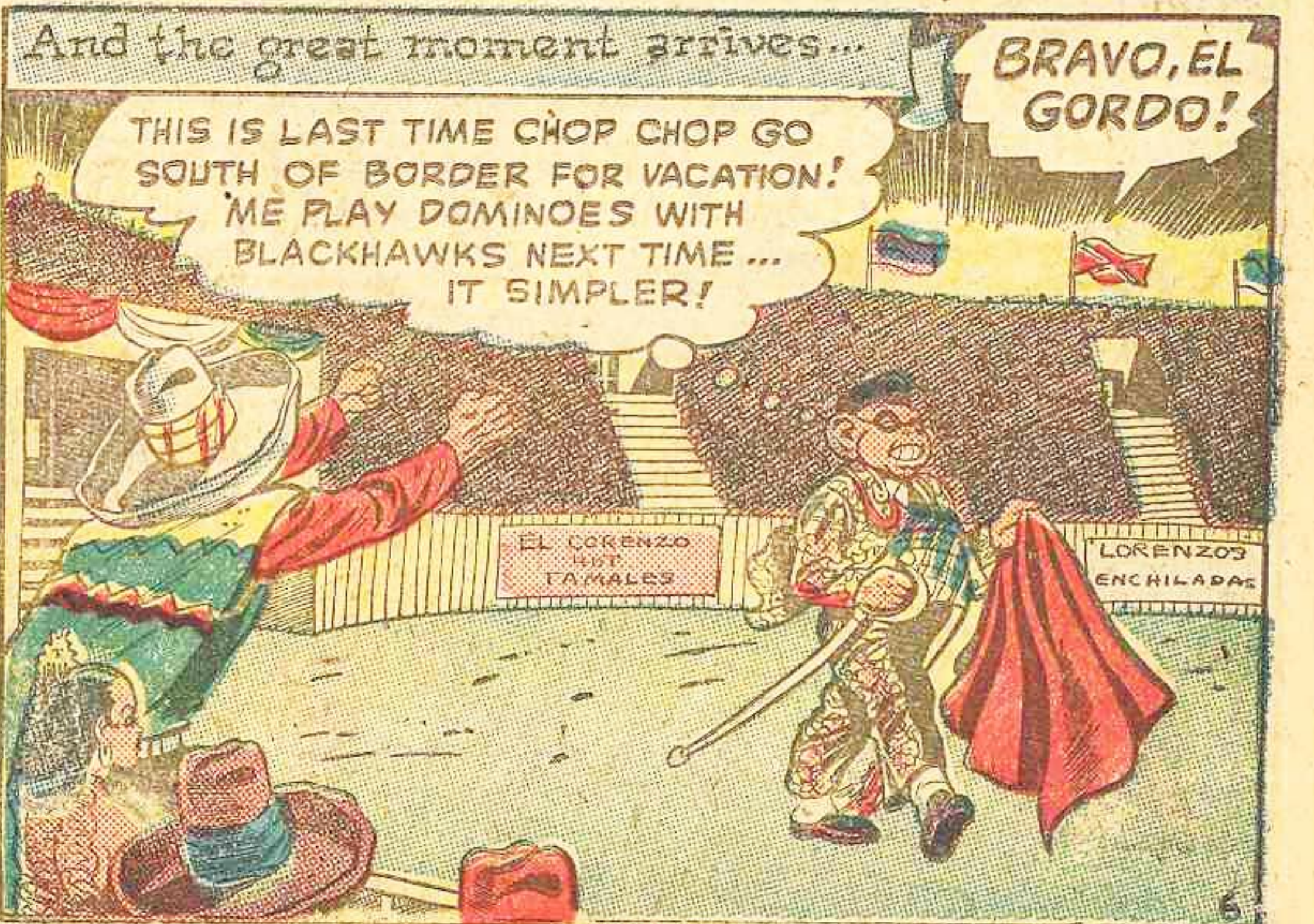
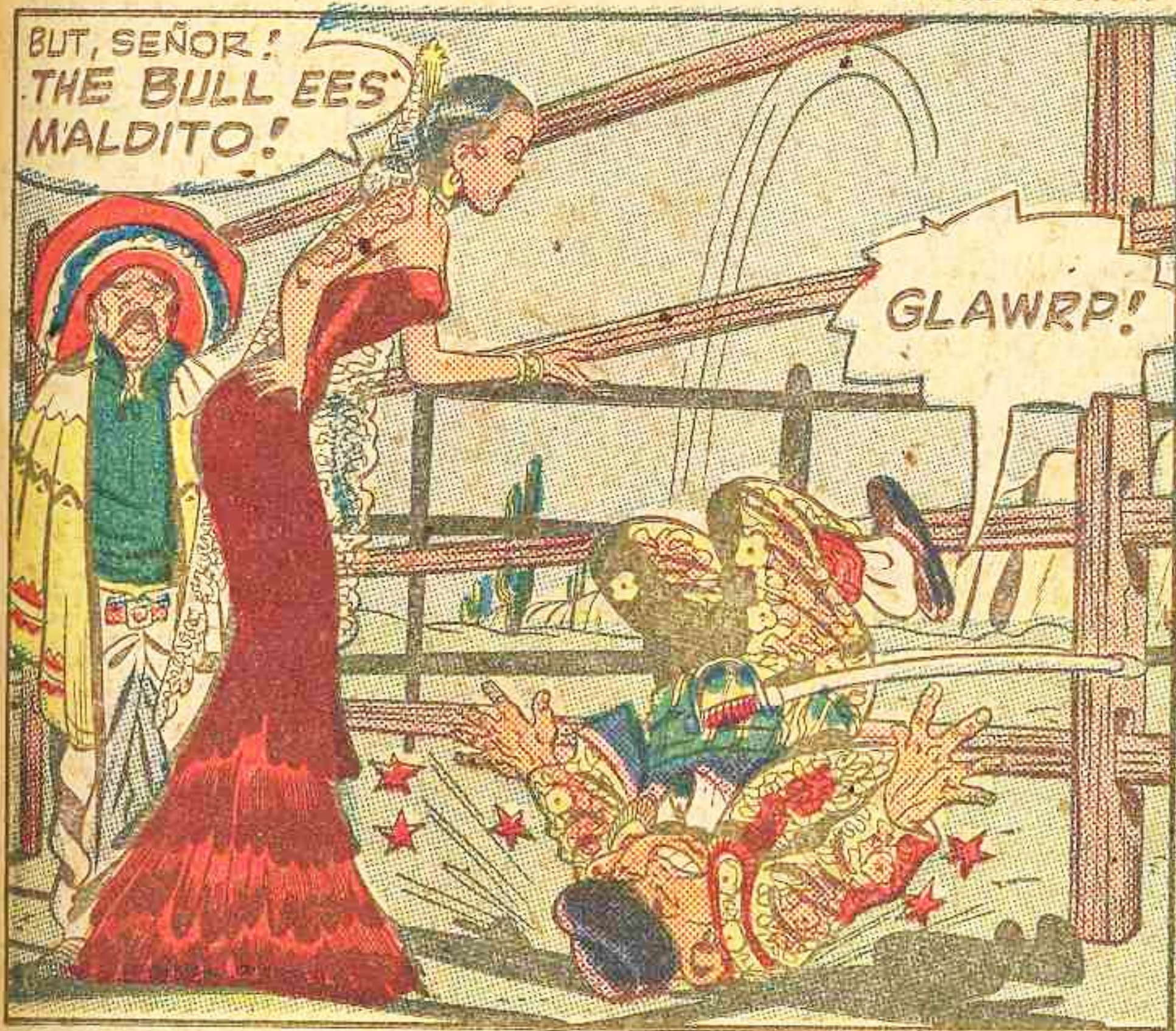




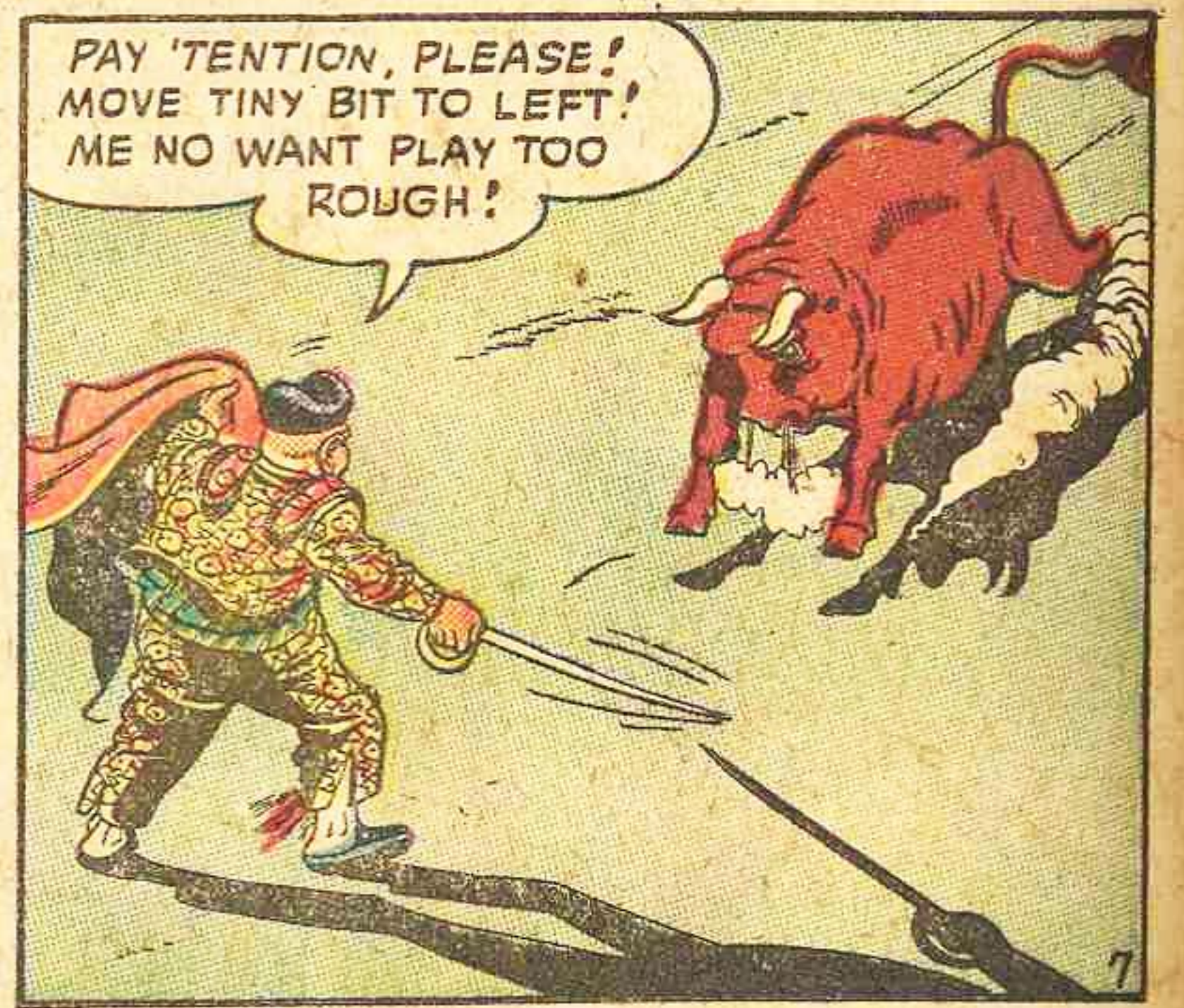
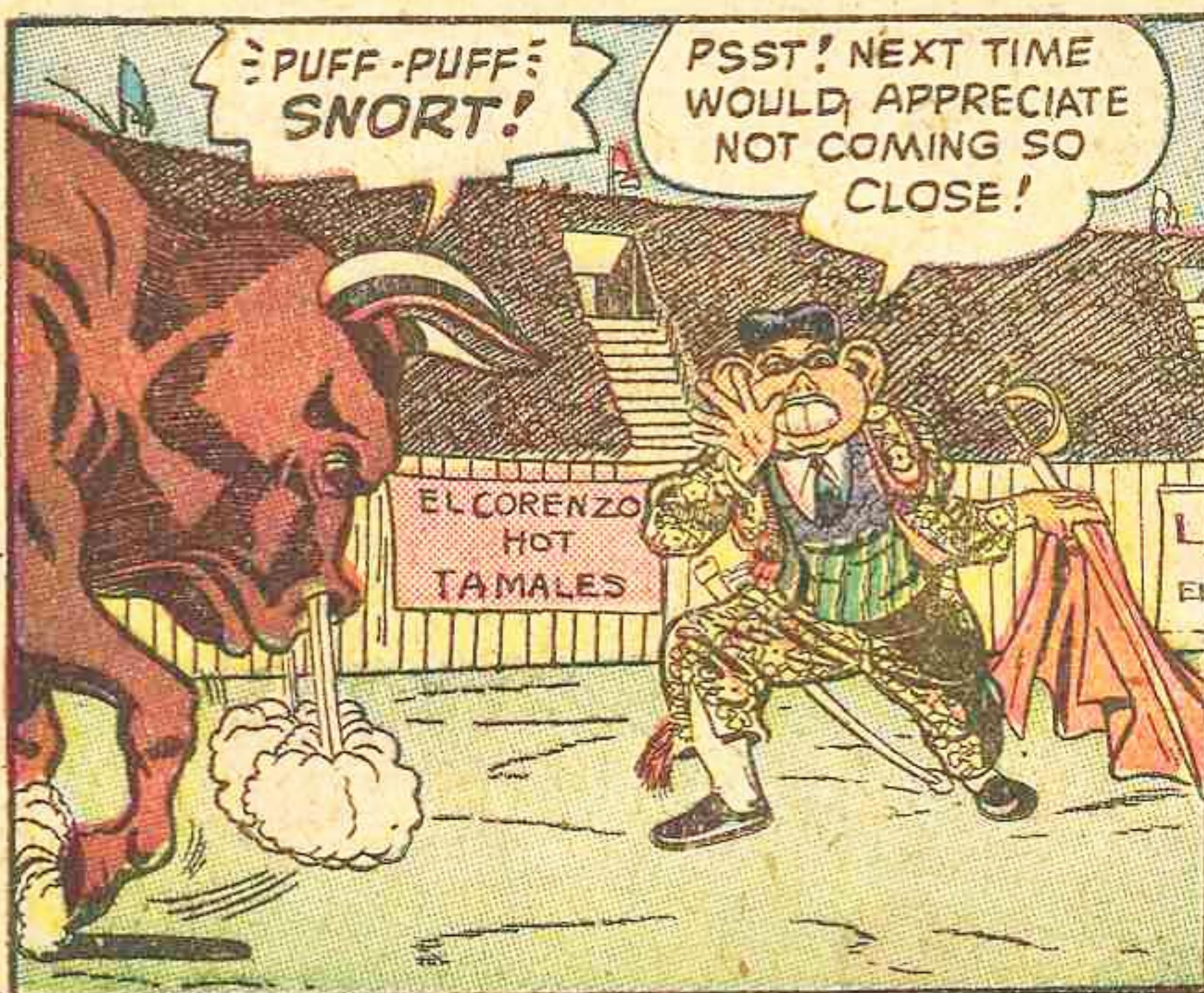
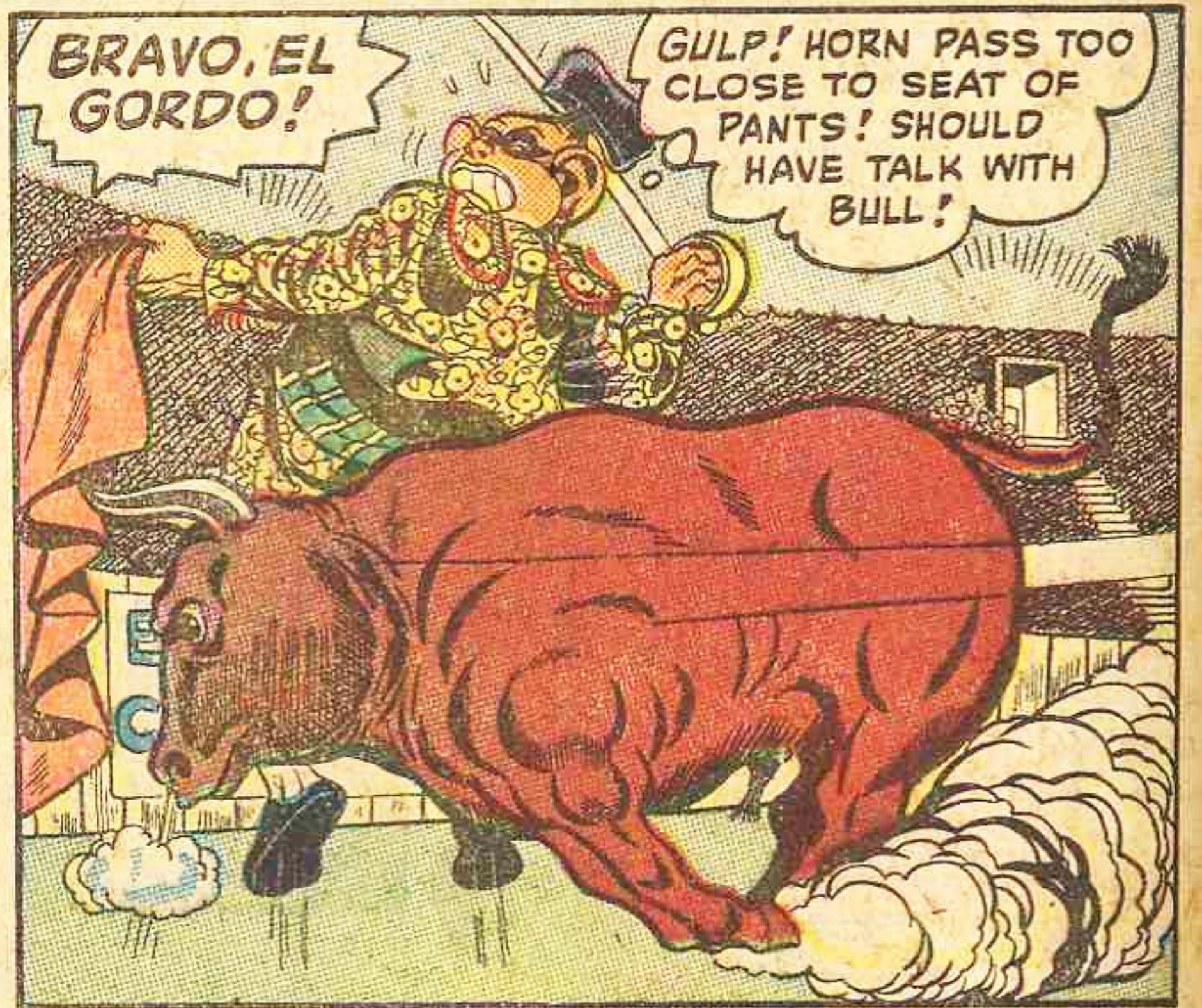
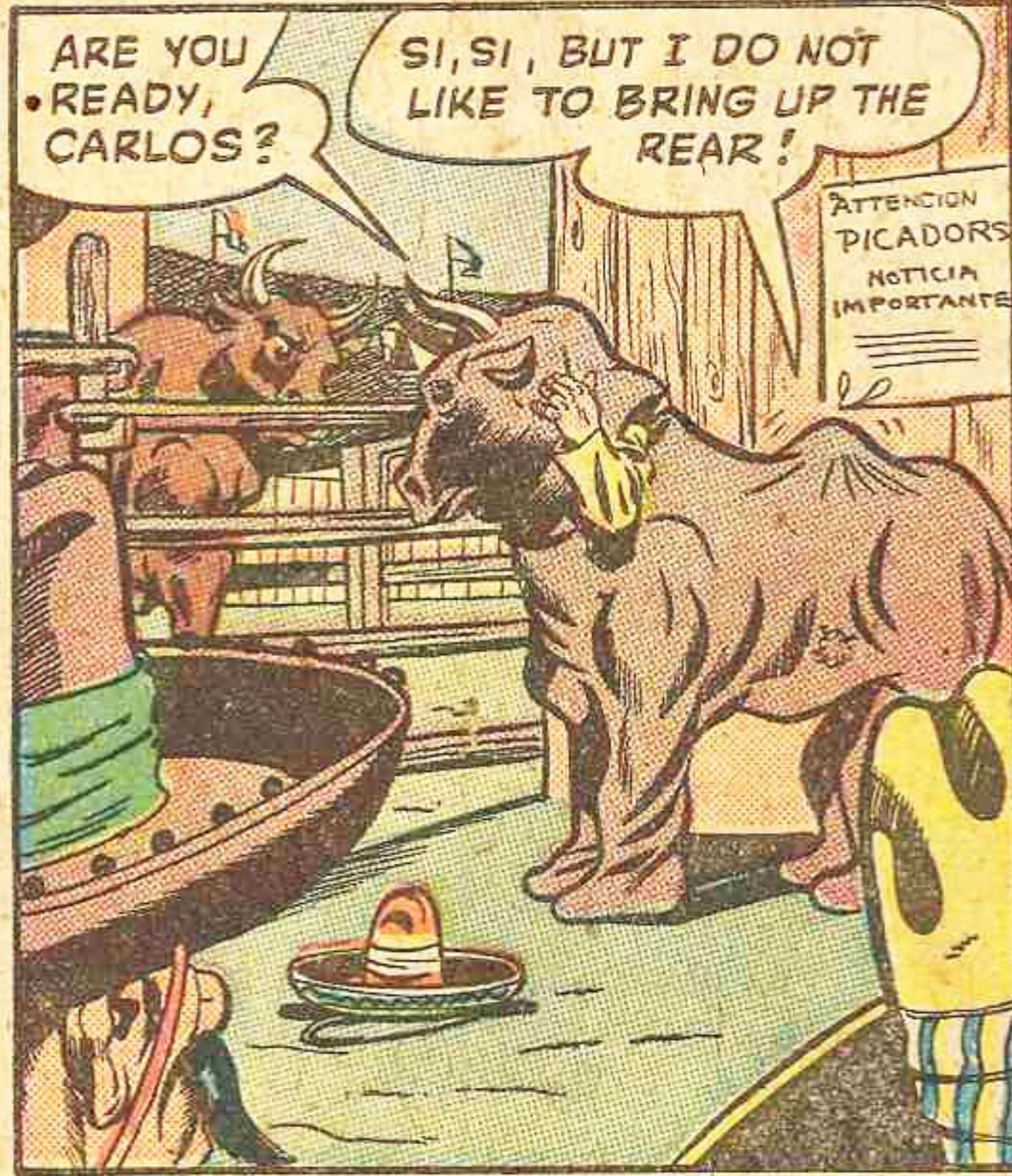














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# The STORM KING IS TRAPPED

**B**LACKHAWK Island lay like a small green gem in the grayness of the ocean, like an emerald in a mounting of dull platinum.

There was a strange haze over the water, and Blackhawk studied it with an uneasy eye. The layer of coppery mist steadily thickened, shrouding the water. Blackhawk admitted to himself a moment of concern. This phenomena of Nature was something he had never seen before.

After a moment, as the mist increased, Blackhawk called to Stanislaus, the big Balkan scientist of the Blackhawk group.

"Ever see a haze like that, Stan?"

"Once in Sumatra during a volcano."

"It's the strangest thing I ever saw," said Blackhawk. "The color of that mist, Stan—it's a fearsome thing. More like some poisonous gas."

Stanislaus shook his head. "I'm usually not one to worry about the unknown, Blackhawk, but frankly this has me worried, too."

The two men had been taking in the scene from the landing strip. Now, several other members of the invincible band joined them to comment on the weird haze.

Andre, the French radioman, twisted his mouth for a wry remark. "Eet ees not the blush of dawn—eet ees the hot flush of some diablo!"

Chuck, the American navigator, laughed and slapped Andre on the back. "Always the old romancer, eh, Andy? As for me I'd like to be about ten thousand feet above that devil haze."

A light wind sprang up as the men watched. The water became oddly agitated, as if from the writhings of some subterranean monster. There was a low rumbling sound from the west.

Blackhawk turned to his men. "Fellows, I don't know what this all means, but let us be prepared for what may happen—if anything does. We may be in for a volcanic disturbance."

Hendrickson, the Dutchman, spread his big hands in a gesture of submission to the fates. "It iss maype like once in der old country, when the dike collapsed. Then all wass confusion an' many peoples drown."

The Scandinavian, Olaf, rumbled deep in his chest. "Our island will stand, you bet, come what may."

Blackhawk smiled at Olaf's optimism. These Blackhawks were men who braved anything in

the world with smiles on their faces and no fear in their hearts. It was good to be associated with them.

The wind grew stronger. It wailed and whistled across the island, rattling the hangars, which housed several specially made planes. It quickly increased to a screaming roar, forcing the Blackhawks to go below to their snug quarters.

The wind kept up its force. Even in their rock chambers the men could hear the crash of waves against the rocky walls of the island.

Suddenly a trickle of water dribbled down the walls of the ready room. Another joined it, until there was a stream pouring down upon them.

Real alarm showed in Blackhawk's face. It was an unusual expression on the face of the man who seldom knew fear. "Great guns, men!" he exclaimed. "If this keeps up the island will go. Those waves are breaking over the tops of the hangars!"

A roaring burst of thunder followed his statement. The island shook, as if in the grip of a mighty fist.

Blackhawk began buttoning his flight jacket. "We've got to clear out of here!" he said. "We'll board the submarine. We may have to make a run for it."

Chop Chop, the little Chinese member of the famous group, came pattering in from the kitchen. He was green with fright. "Pliz, what come off? It raining down kitchen walls. Me gettum wet!"

Chop Chop was usually good for a laugh, but under the circumstances his humor went unnoticed.

"Hurry," Blackhawk said. "Down to the sub!"

They followed the leader down the steep stone stairs. The steps were wet. The island reeled again under the tremendous buffeting.

The whole group filed aboard the submarine, which rocked and banged against its mooring slip. With the engines throbbing, Blackhawk took his place before the big control panel and threw a switch. Electronic impulses opened the sea lock, and they moved out into the open sea, some fifty feet below the surface. The lock closed behind them.

Even at fifty feet below the surface, the water was turbulent. It twisted and rolled them and caused the big sub to creak at every seam.



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But the massive bulkheads were designed to withstand enormous pressure.

Andre said, "Once I was depth charged een a submarine. Eet was not much worse than thees!"

"On der surface it must be impossible for anyt'ing to live," observed Hendrickson.

Meanwhile, high above the coppery haze and crashing seas, a big plane flew. Hugo Straun, at the controls, grinned and chuckled as he glanced at a bank of recording devices in front of him. He spoke out of the side of his mouth:

"The Blackhawks have taken to their sub, men. Presumably, their little island has begun to topple into the sea. Their impregnable island, hah! Their secret hideout! . . . Come, we'll turn off the storm, then go down and blow 'em to bits with depth charges!"

Unaware that he had flipped on the radio, Straun did not realize his conversation had carried to the sub, where Andre picked it up through his headphones. He looked up at the others and grimaced.

"Well," he said, "our storm is man-made, mes amis. Eet is the work of a devil who flies above us. He says they will now shut off the storm and bomb us to bits."

Blackhawk tensed. "Ah, then perhaps it is Hugo Straun, the crackpot weather expert who has been experimenting with storms. If so, we may be in for plenty of trouble."

Stanislaus said, "But if he creates the storm, how does he propose to live through it himself? The upper atmosphere must be a gigantic whirlwind."

"He's undoubtedly flying high above it," Blackhawk said.

A terrific lurch of the sub threw the men against its sides and into the bulkheads. Chuck staggered up first.

"What the heck was that?" he cried.

Blackhawk said, "It felt like an undersea volcano. It might be possible for Straun, knowing the sea-bottom terrain as he certainly does, to tap those volcanoes and cause them to erupt."

Chuck searched the big map on the navigator's wall. He made flying motions with both hands.

"Hey!" he shouted. "Get the sub away from here. We're almost over one of those cones!"

They had barely changed course when another terrific jolt hurled them to the floor. The volcano they had just cleared blew open and the ocean rushed into its core. Hot steam wrapped the sub in a blanket of intense heat. They could hear the plates buckling.

The oxygen pumps raced. The men dripped sweat.

"Quick, men, away from here!" shouted Blackhawk.

Chuck set the course and they limped into quiet water. The engines throbbed and clanked, then died.

"She's warped," said Chuck. "The engines are dead. I hope we'll be able to surface."

"Surface?" said Blackhawk. "I'm afraid we'll have to stay down here until we find a way of tricking Straun. He definitely has radar instruments to keep us spotted at all times."

Stanislaus cleared his throat. "We have oxygen only for two hours. He has depth charges and sighting devices—"

"And we have no engines," filled in Olaf.

Blackhawk consulted some notes as he leaned over the control panel. "Chuck," he said, "can you select a course that will lead us to a big subsea volcano?"

Chuck nodded. "Sure," he said. "But how are we to move without engines?"

"We still have full charges of compressed air in the torpedo tubes at the stern," Blackhawk reminded him. "It should be sufficient for several miles at slow speed."

Blackhawk himself opened the tubes, and when the sub began a slow crawl ahead, the leader spoke to Andre:

"Begin sending out messages of distress, to make Straun think we're giving up."

Chuck held a straight course for the volcanic cone he had picked out. Then he noticed that the sub was slowly surfacing. He touched the lever that controlled the sea pumps, but they were stalled along with the engine. With volcanic pressure forcing it upward, there was no way for the sub to stay down.

"It makes little difference," said Blackhawk. "Straun will come down; I'm counting on that. He's undoubtedly picked up Andre's messages by now."

As their sub passed over the big cone, Blackhawk touched the depth charge device. The explosive swished out from the stern, sank, and a moment later there was a gigantic upheaval which picked the sub up like a cork and tossed it clear of the water. It came down with a jarring crash, then slowly righted on the surface.

Hugo Straun's plane was no longer in the air. Blackhawk pointed to the water as several of the members crawled out on the wet deck. Bits of wreckage floated everywhere and a giant oil slick spread fast from a common center.

Blackhawk smiled grimly. "It was a close call, men, but the dirty work of Straun is finished. His own device to destroy us acted as a boomerang."





**MR. POWDER**, destroyer of men and their works, a criminal whose crimes were so unbelievable, he couldn't be convicted! Nobody could pin anything on Mr. Powder until **THE BLACKHAWKS** matched their wits and their strength with his, to prove again that ready fists and teamwork are a match for any crime!

I.G. RABBIT Master  
*Furriers*

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# BLACKHAWK

A momentous interview begins in the office of Gerald Garland, president of the Ajax Construction Company....

A MAN IN YOUR POSITION SHOULD HAVE THE INTELLIGENCE TO PERCEIVE THAT I'M NOT JOKING, MR. GARLAND! ALL I HAVE TO DO IS POKE MY FINGER AT YOUR NEW BUILDING AND...POUF!

I'VE MET SCREWBALLS IN MY TIME, MR. POWDER... BUT YOU LEAD THE LIST! NOW GET OUT OF HERE... I'M BUSY!

LET'S NOT BE HASTY! EVEN A SCREWBALL, AS YOU CALL ME, HAS TO LIVE... YOUR PERSONAL CHECK FOR ONE-HUNDRED GRAND WILL SETTLE EVERYTHING! OTHERWISE, I'LL SETTLE YOU!

GET OUT OF HERE BEFORE I HAVE YOU THROWN OUT!

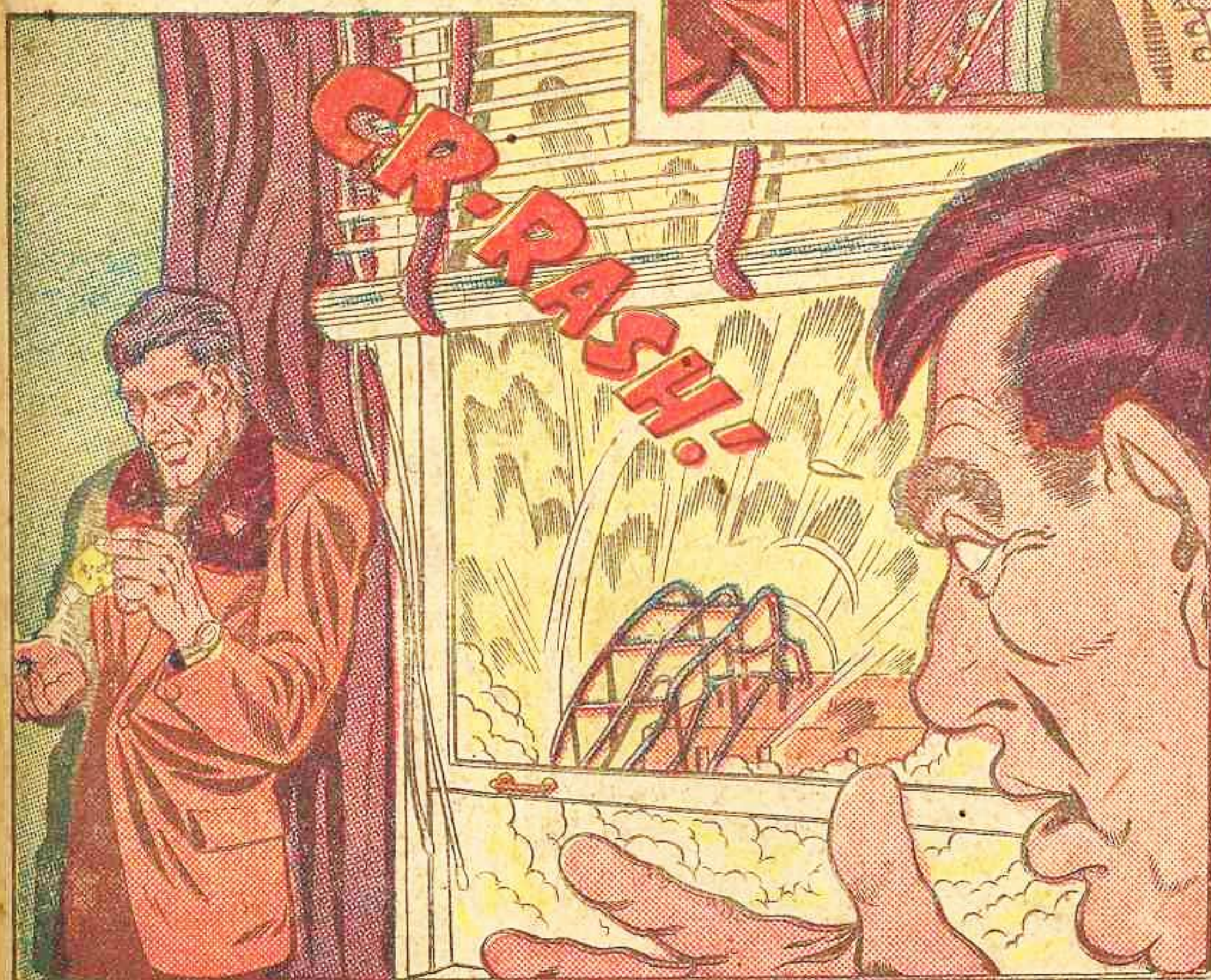
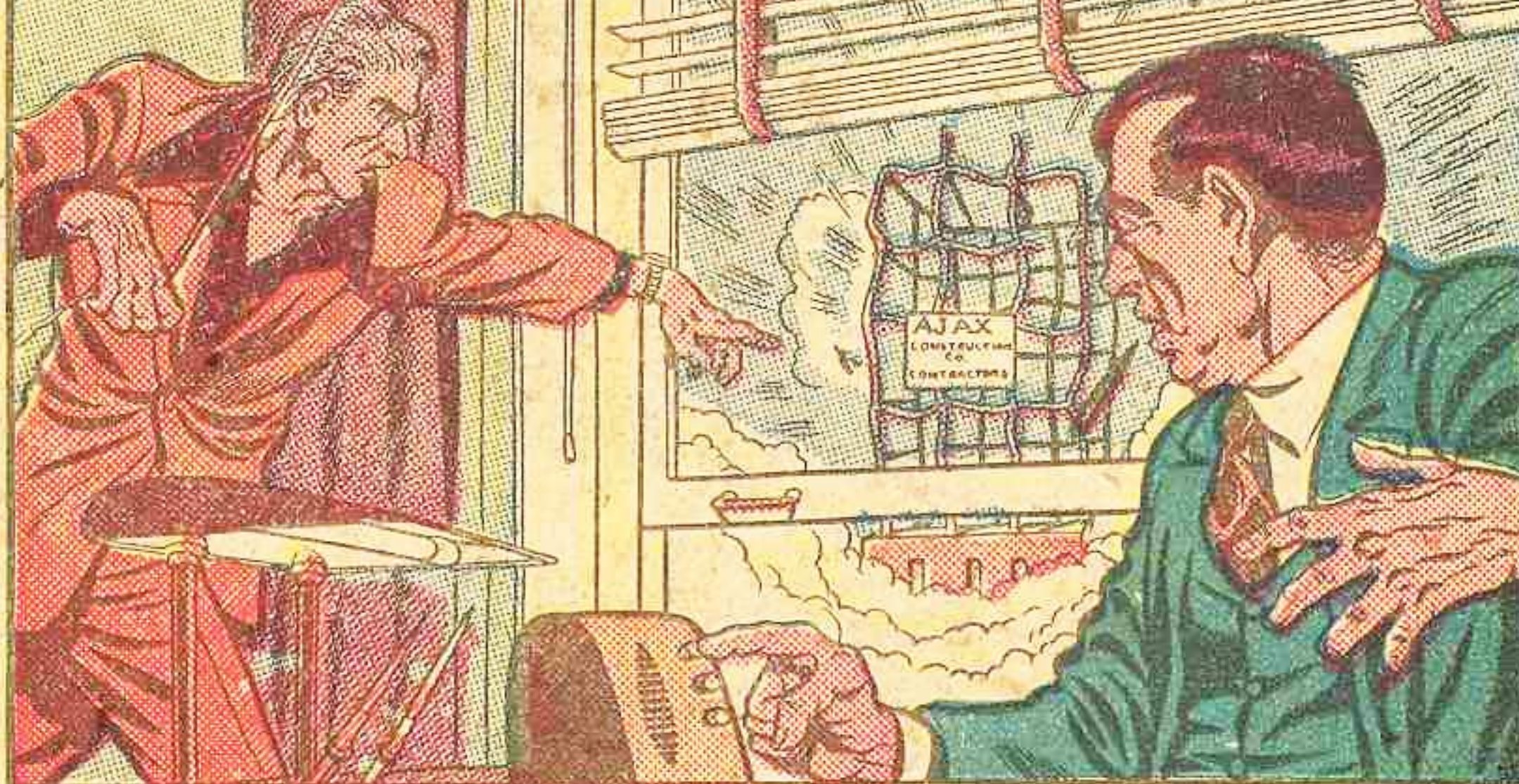


I HAVE AN APPOINTMENT AT THREE! IF YOU WON'T GO OF YOUR OWN FREE WILL, YOU'LL GO OUT ON THE SEAT OF YOUR PANTS!

VERY WELL, MR. GARLAND... IT'S HALF A MINUTE UNTIL THREE O'CLOCK! JUST TIME FOR A DEMONSTRATION BEFORE YOUR APPOINTMENT! HO-HUM!

YOU SEE? ALL I DO IS POINT MY FINGER, LIKE THIS!

I'M RINGING FOR MY SECRETARY! IN A FEW MOMENTS A COUPLE OF HUSKY.... WH-A-A-AT?



HO-HUM! YOU SEE, MR. GARLAND, IT PAYS TO LISTEN TO... ER... SCREWBALLS!

I MUST BE SEEING THINGS! IT CAN'T BE!



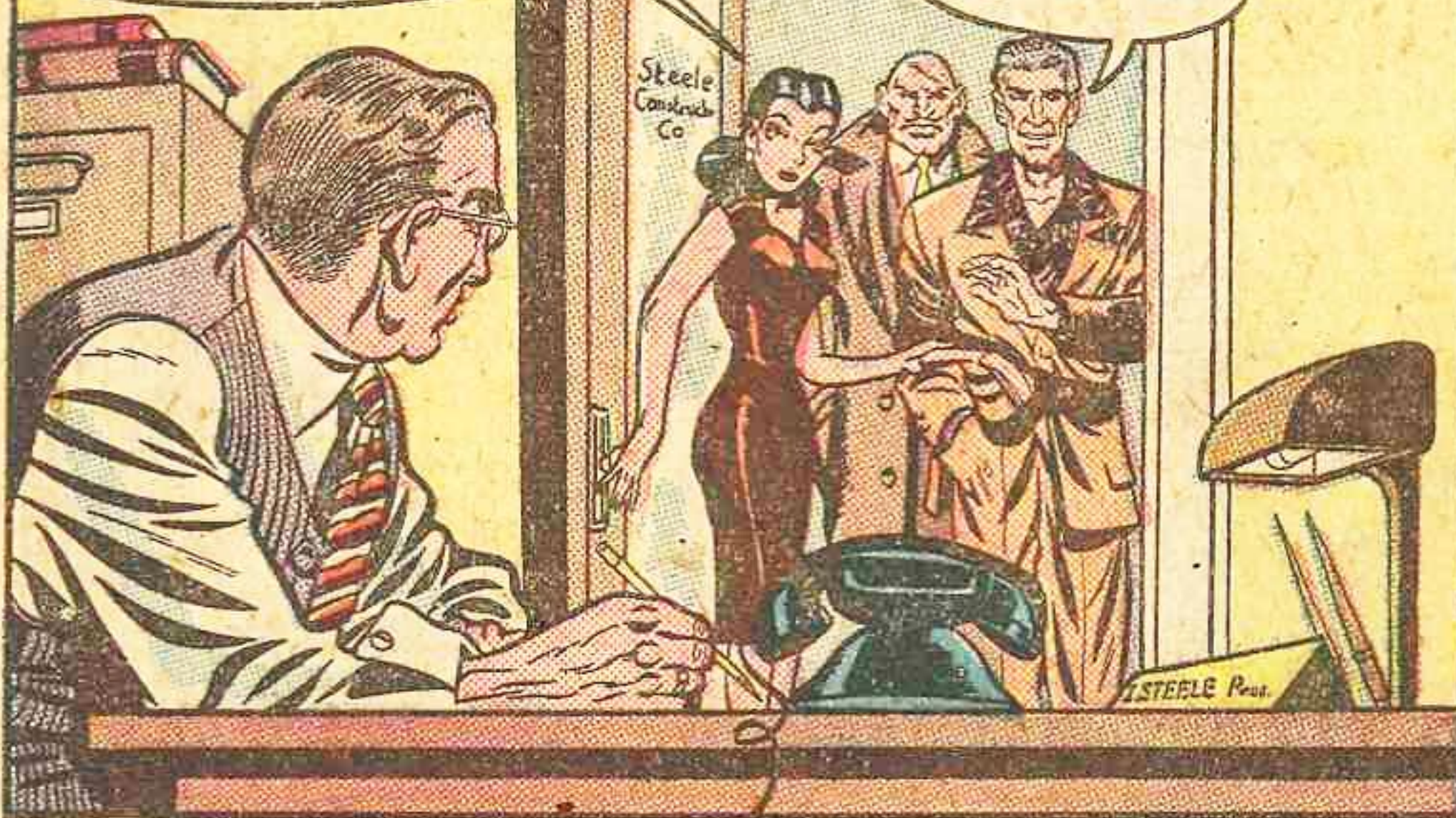


# BLACKHAWK

A few moments later...

A MR. POWDER TO  
SEE YOU, MR. STEELE!

DON'T BOTHER TO ANNOUNCE  
ME, MY DEAR... I'VE JUST  
COME TO COLLECT A SMALL  
DEBT THAT MR. STEELE  
OWES ME!



YOU WILL NOW BE ABLE TO  
OFFER ANOTHER BID, MR.  
STEELE! THE STRUCTURE  
THAT THE AJAX COMPANY  
WAS ON THE VERGE OF  
COMPLETING IS GONE...  
**POWDER!**  
HEH! HEH!

I HEARD  
ABOUT IT  
A FEW  
MOMENTS  
AGO! BUT...



YOU AND THE AJAX COMPANY  
BOTH ENTERED BIDS FOR THE  
SAME BUILDING... YOURS WAS  
THE HIGHEST! I OFFERED TO  
GET THE JOB FOR YOU... FOR  
A PRICE! IF YOU DON'T PAY,  
YOU KNOW WHAT WILL  
HAPPEN TO THE BUILDING  
**YOU ERECT!**

OKAY, OKAY! I DON'T  
KNOW HOW YOU DO IT...  
BUT IF WHAT YOU SAY IS  
TRUE, IT'S WORTH  
THE MONEY!



IF YOU PLAY YOUR CARDS  
RIGHT, MR. STEELE, YOU'LL  
BE THE BIGGEST  
CONTRACTOR IN THE  
COUNTRY... THE **ONLY**  
ONE, IN FACT!  
AS LONG AS WE  
UNDERSTAND EACH  
OTHER, I'LL SEE TO  
IT THAT YOU HAVE  
NO COMPETITORS!

CERTAINLY,  
MR.  
POWDER!  
I THINK  
WE CAN  
DO BUSINESS  
TOGETHER!



As Mr. Powder goes his  
mysterious way...

I TELL YOU  
IT'S CRAZY,  
COMMISSIONER!  
ALL HE DID WAS  
POINT HIS FINGER  
AND THEN...

I'M COMMISSION-  
ER OF POLICE,  
NOT A MAGI-  
CIAN! THERE'S  
NOTHING I  
CAN DO,  
EXCEPT...



... EXCEPT CALL IN THE  
**BLACKHAWKS!** THEY  
ARE THE ONLY ONES WHO  
CAN HELP YOU,  
GARLAND!





# BLACKHAWK

Shortly afterward, on Blackhawk Island....

IT'S A CALL FOR HELP, OLAF! BLACKHAWK HAD BETTER SEE THIS!

IT DOESN'T MAKE SENSE, CHUCK! WHAT BAN THEY TALKING ABOUT?

HERE'S A REQUEST FOR OUR HELP, BLACKHAWK!

IT'S SIGNED, ARTHUR VAN DYKE, COMMISSIONER OF POLICE! NOBODY ASKS FOR OUR HELP IN VAIN! RADIO HIM THAT THE BLACKHAWKS ARE ON THEIR WAY!

ZIS DESTRUCTION INCORPORATED... CAN ZERE BE SUCH A COMPANY, BLACKHAWK?

THERE MUST BE, ANDRE! THAT MESSAGE SOUNDED IN EARNEST!

As the Blackhawks set out on their mission...

CERTAINLY I ADMIT IT... I DESTROYED THE BUILDING! NOW TRY AND MAKE A COURT BELIEVE IT!

ARREST HIM, COMMISSIONER! HE'S CONFESSED!

IF YOU INSIST! BUT HE'LL NEVER BE CONVICTED!

Later, at the trial...

SINCE MR. GARLAND SAYS SO, I WON'T CONTRADICT HIM... I DESTROYED THE BUILDING MERELY BY POINTING MY FINGER AT IT!

THE BLACKHAWKS!

YOUR HONOR, AS POLICE COMMISSIONER, I REQUEST THAT THE TRIAL BE ADJOURNED WHILE WE PRODUCE NEW EVIDENCE!

THIS IS THE MOST PREPOSTEROUS CASE I EVER HEARD! VERY WELL... COURT'S ADJOURNED FOR TWENTY-FOUR HOURS! BUT IF YOU CAN'T PRODUCE ANY BETTER EVIDENCE, I SHALL DISMISS THE CASE!

THANK YOU, YOUR HONOR!

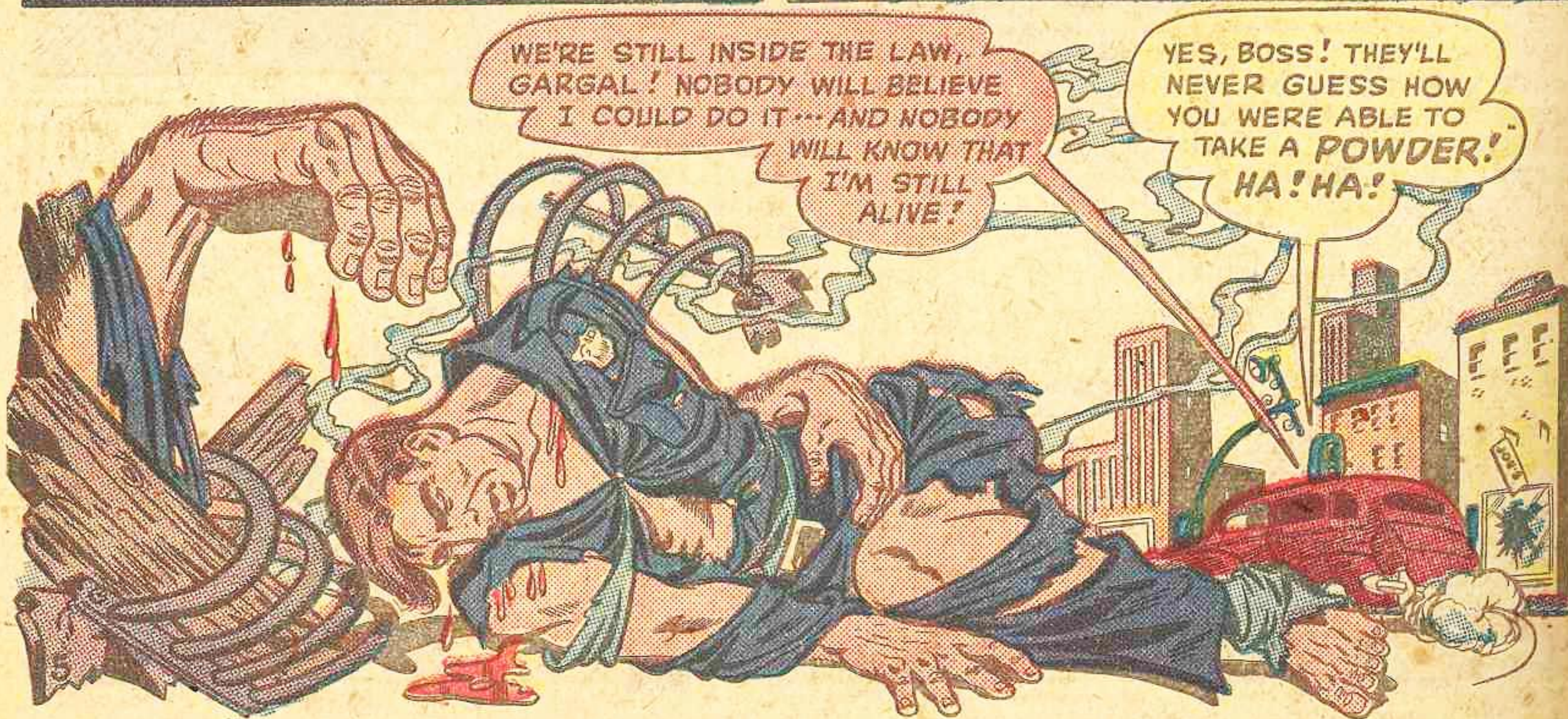
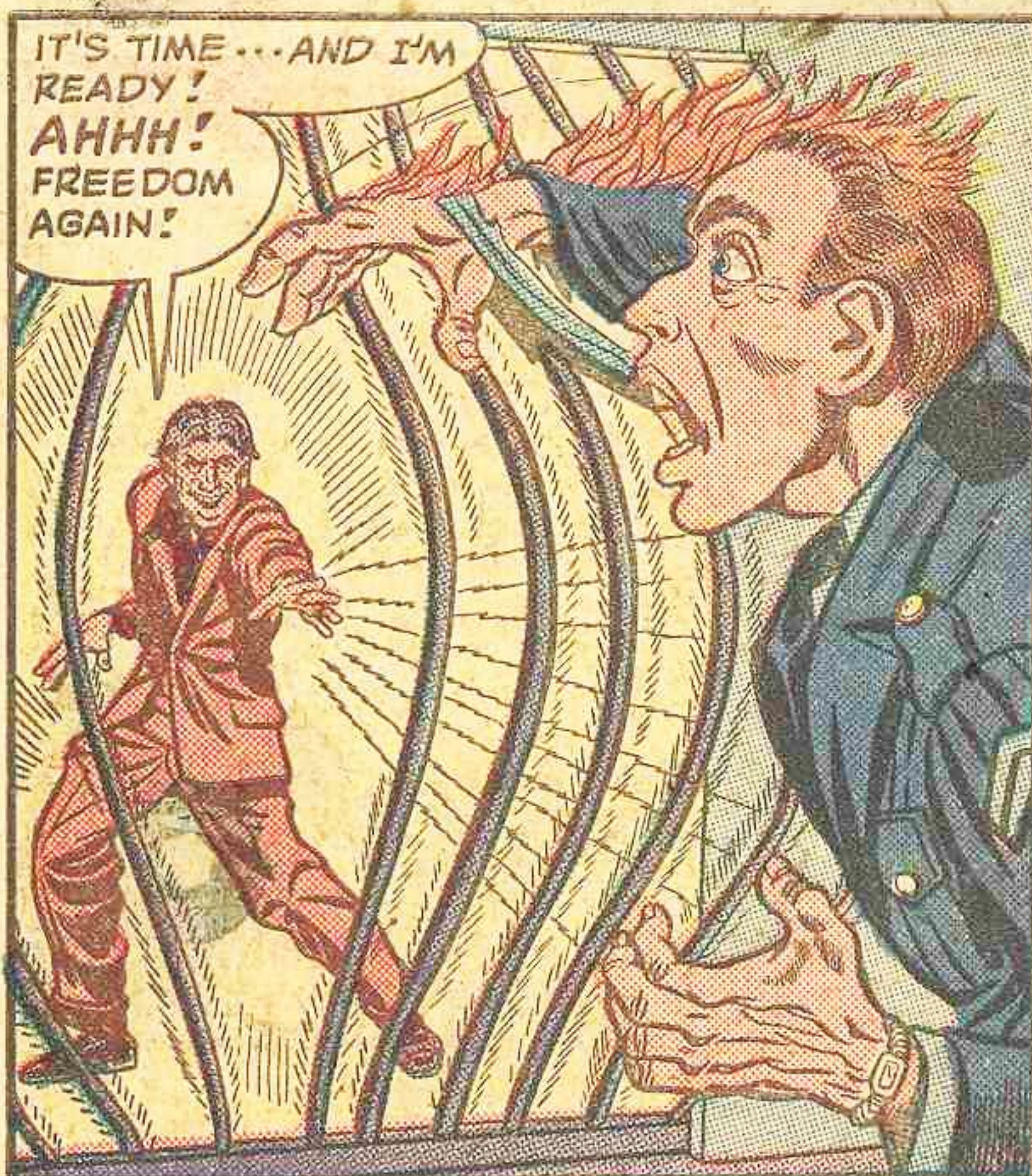
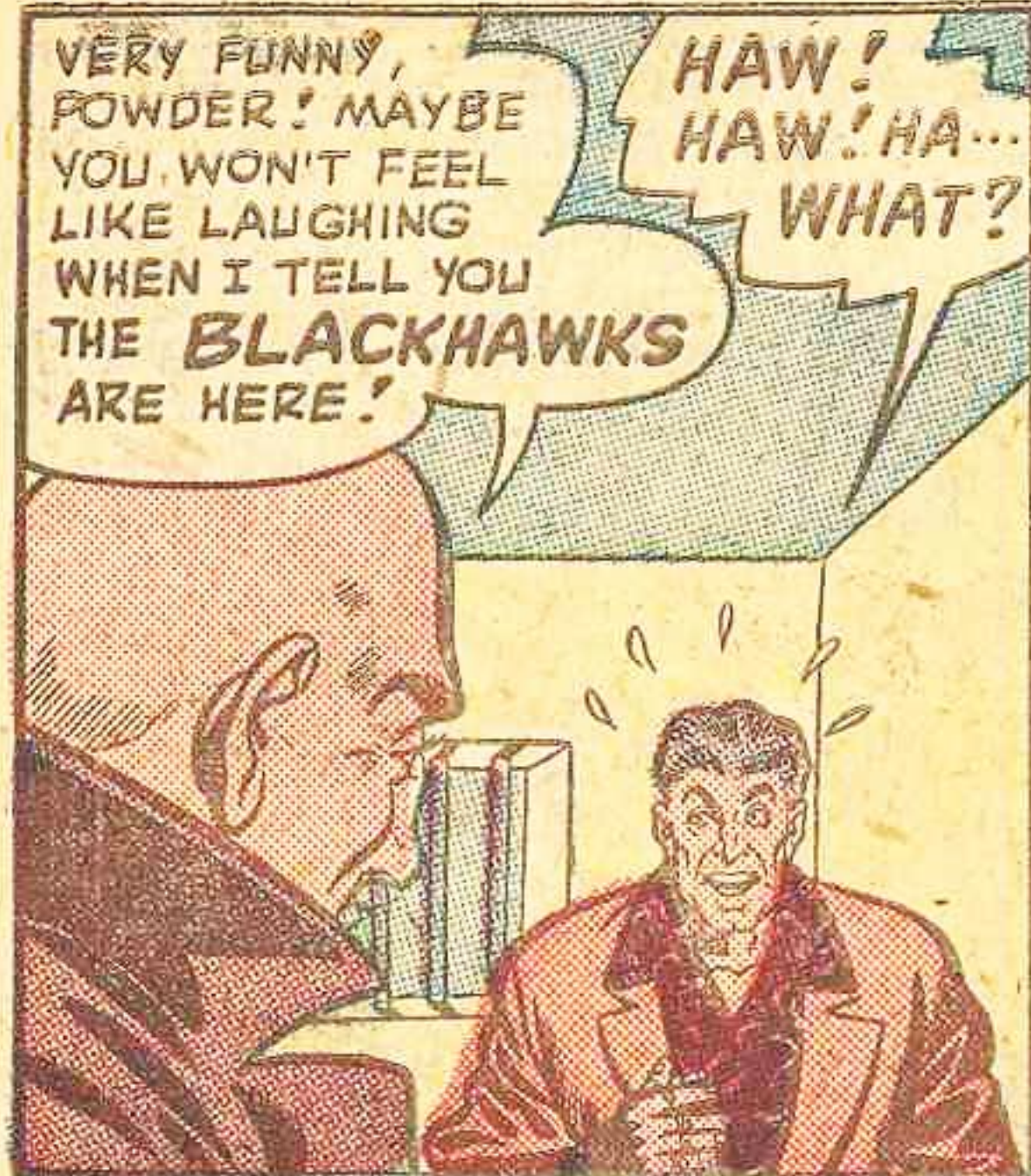
EVERYTHING DEPENDS ON THE BLACKHAWKS NOW!

HEH-HEH! LET THEM TRY ME! THEY WON'T DARE SAY I CAN CRUSH A BUILDING WITH MY FINGER!

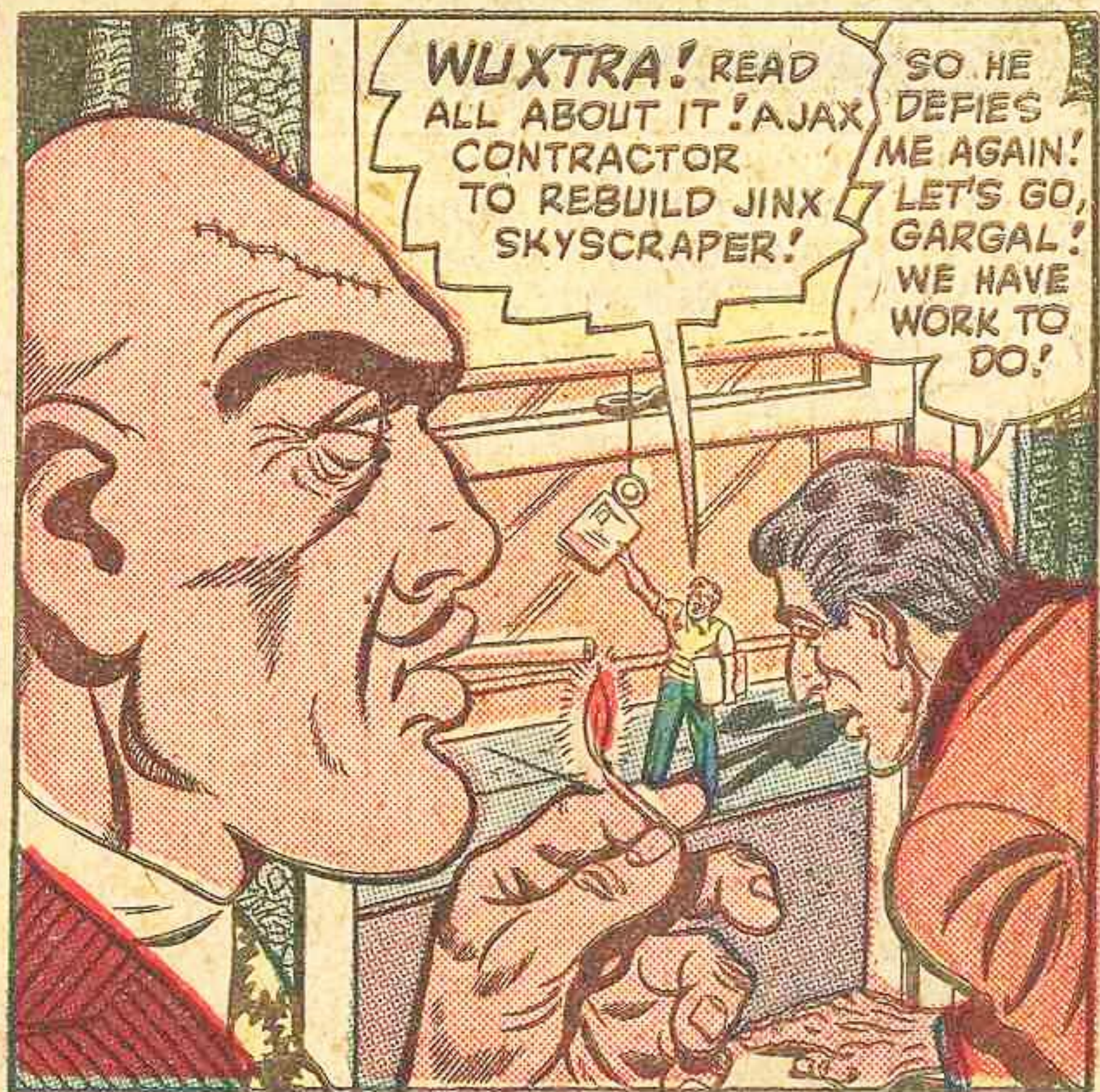
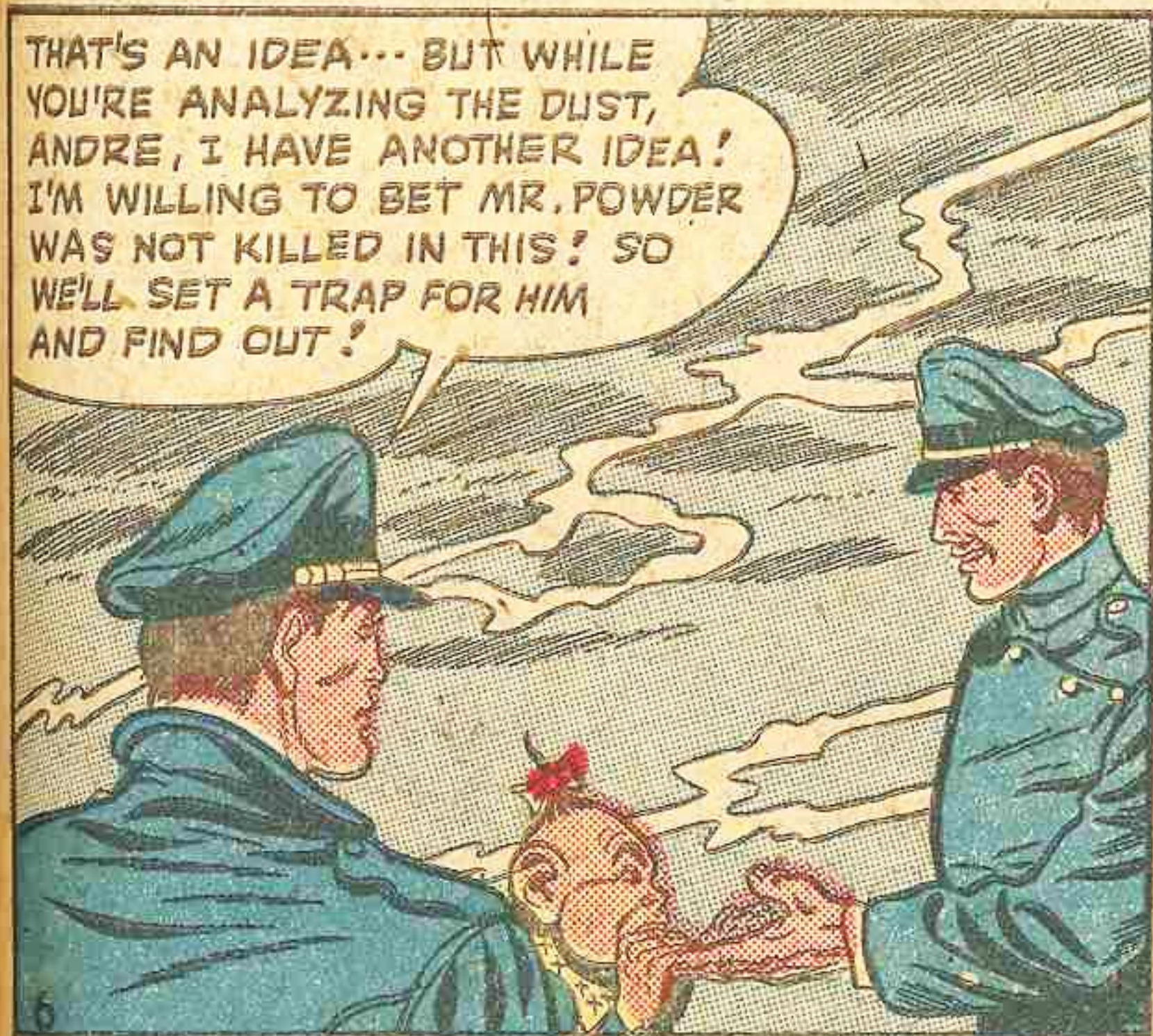
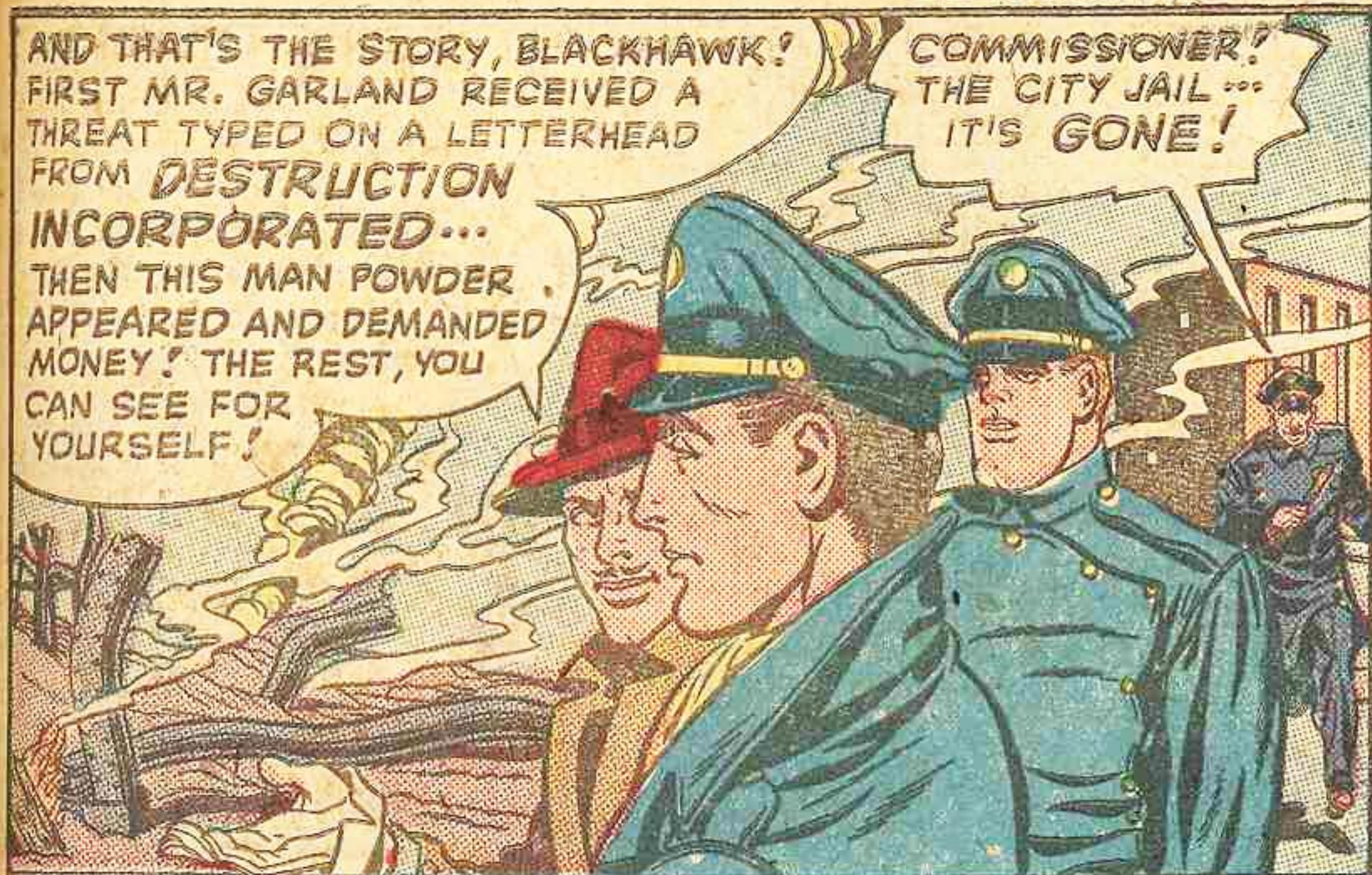
HERE'S YOUR MOUTHPIECE, POWDER!



# BLACKHAWK









Meanwhile, at Police Headquarters...

WELL, ZE EXPERIMENT IS FINISHED! I'VE TESTED ZE DUST FROM ZE RUINED BUILDINGS! SOME POWER TOOK ZE STEEL AND MASONRY AND TURNED THEM INTO ENTIRELY NEW MATERIAL!



I FUSED SOME OF ZE POWDER INTO A CUBE! IT IS FIREPROOF, WATERPROOF, RADIATION-PROOF, BULLETPROOF! THERE'S NO KNOWN AGENCY THAT CAN DESTROY IT!

I UNDERSTAND, ANDRE! MR. POWDER CAN REDUCE MASONRY AND STEEL TO A FINE DUST... BUT NO FARTHER! THE DUST IS PROOF AGAINST EVERYTHING... EVEN MR. POWDER!



BY YIMMINY... DIS CRAZY! WHAT WE CAN DO NOW, BLACKHAWK?

I'VE SET A TRAP FOR MR. POWDER! MR. GARLAND IS GOING TO REBUILD HIS SKYSCRAPER! AND WE'VE SEEN TO IT THAT THE PAPERS WILL LET MR. POWDER HEAR ABOUT IT!

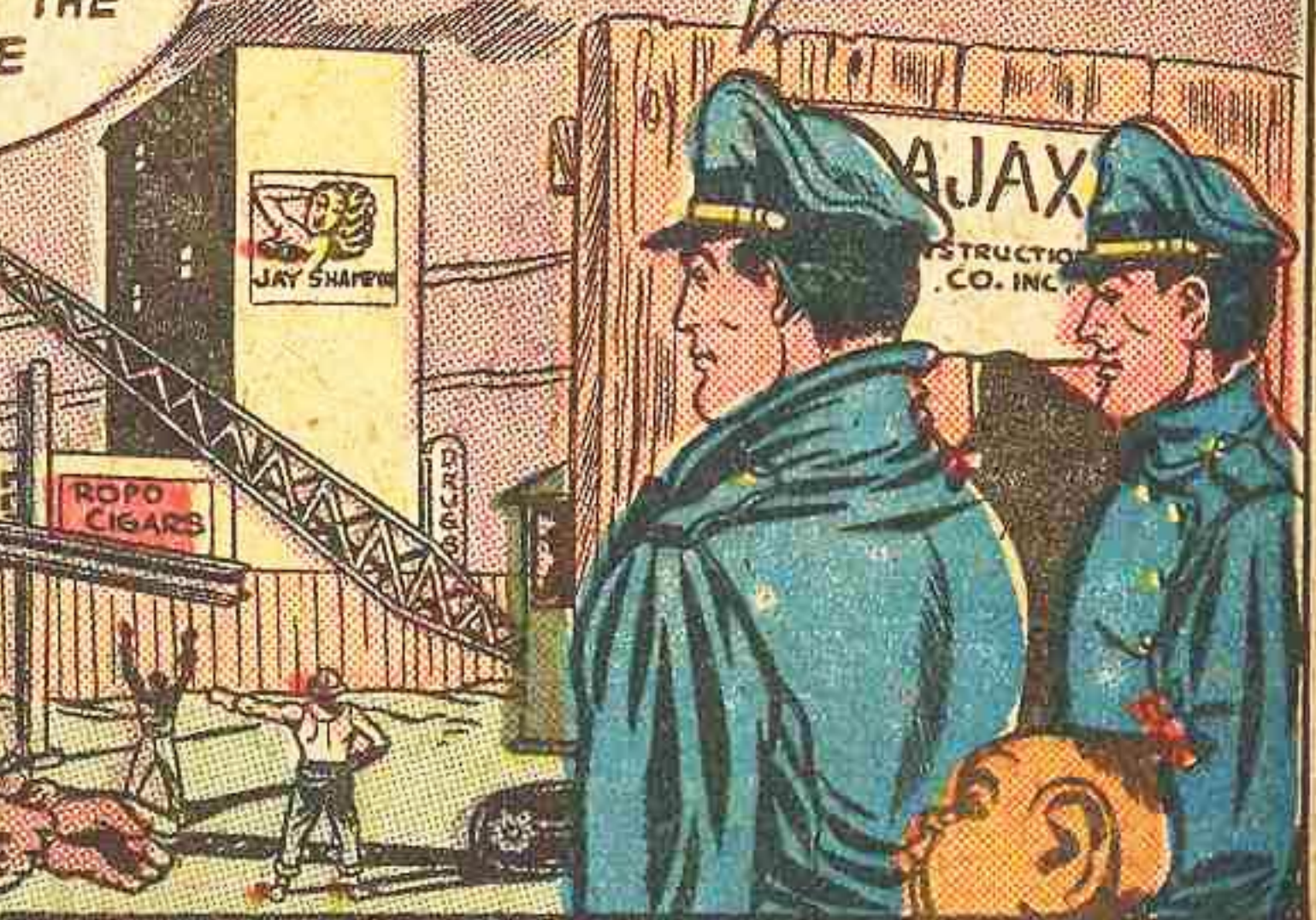


Later that day...

I'VE TALKED MY SPONSORS INTO LETTING ME REBUILD AT MY OWN EXPENSE, BLACKHAWK! IF I GET IT DONE BEFORE THE DEADLINE, I'LL BE PAID BACK!



THE BLACKHAWKS WON'T FAIL YOU, MR. GARLAND... NOT IF THEY CAN HELP IT!



SO! HE THINKS I'M DEAD AND POWERLESS! I PROMISED STEELE HE COULD HAVE THE CONTRACT, AND WHEN POWDER MAKES A PROMISE, HE KEEPS IT! DRIVE ME TO STEELE'S OFFICE!



I OFFERED TO TAKE OVER THE JOB, BUT GARLAND BEAT ME TO IT! HE'S STARTING AGAIN... AT HIS OWN EXPENSE!

NEVER MIND, STEELE! WE'LL LET GARLAND GET A GOOD START... THEN WE'LL STRIKE! HE'LL BE RUINED!





As the new building rises,  
Mr. Powder lays his plans....

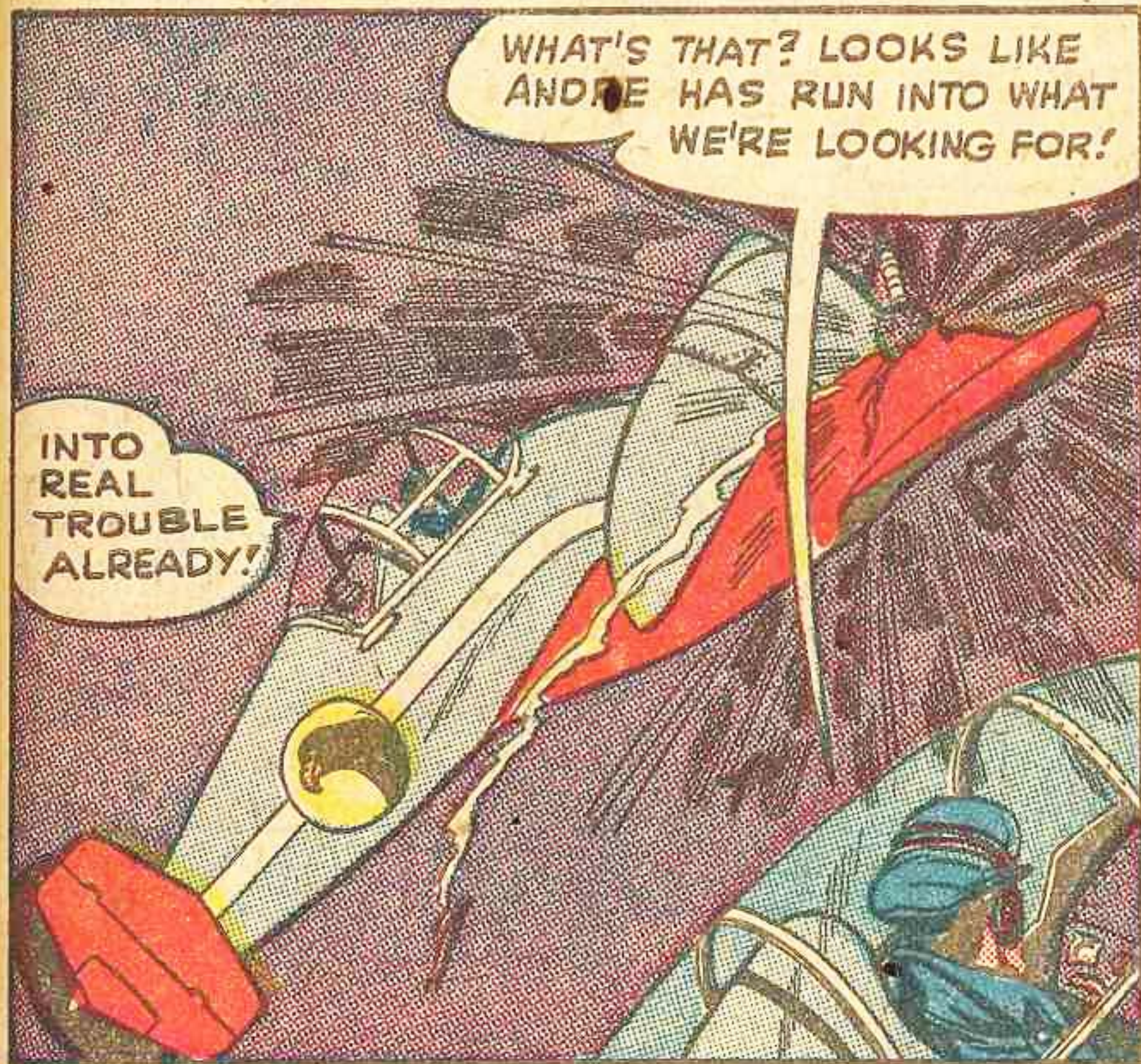
THE WORK IS GOING  
SPLENDIDLY, GARGAL!  
TONIGHT THERE'LL BE  
ENOUGH DONE SO WE  
CAN TEACH GARLAND  
A LESSON!

HEH,  
HEH!

That night...

SOONER OR LATER, OUR  
TRAP SHOULD BRING MR.  
POWDER INTO THE OPEN!  
KEEP A SHARP LOOKOUT,  
MEN!

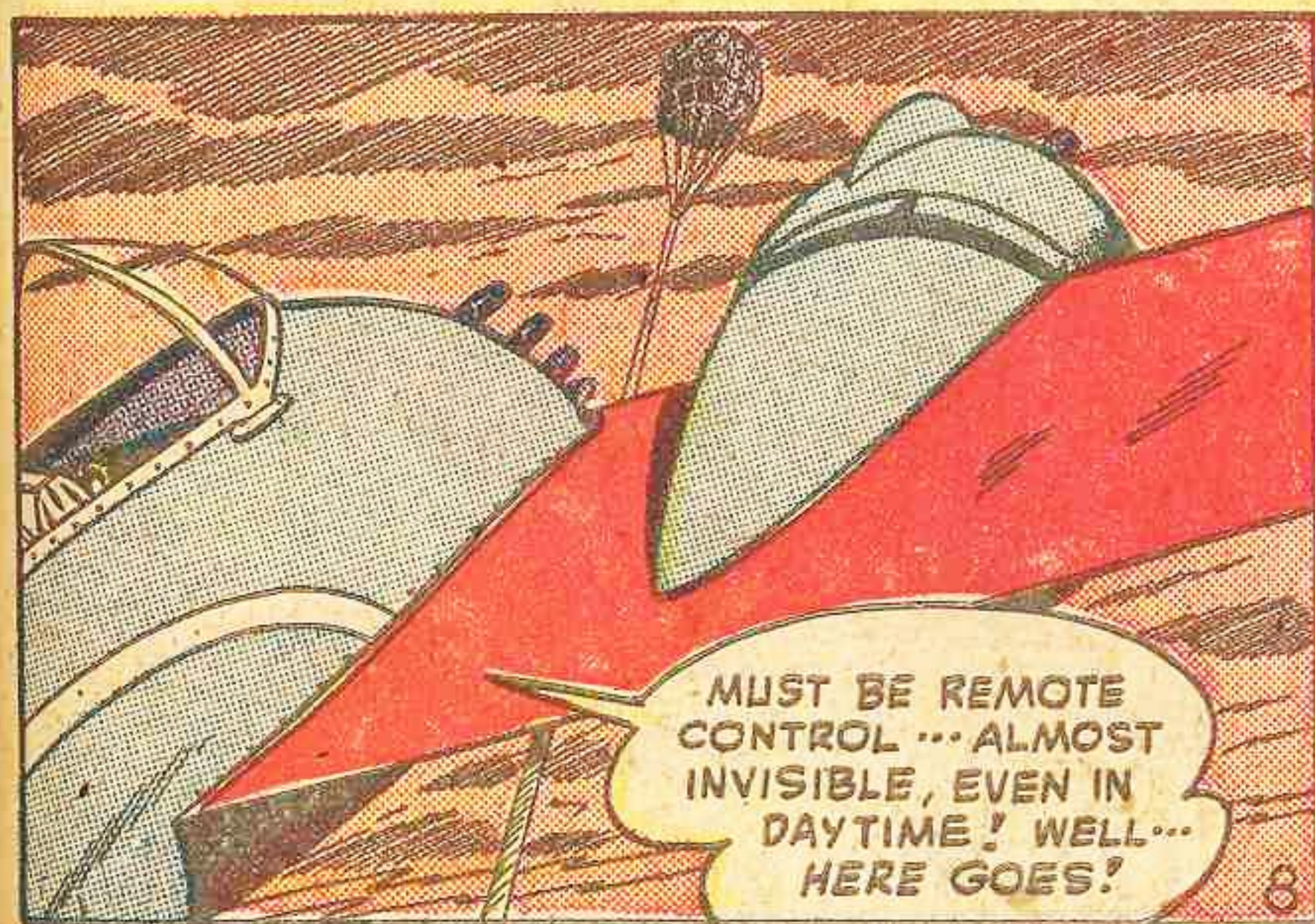
BIEN! BUT-I  
COULD KEEP A  
SHARPER LOOK-  
OUT IF---



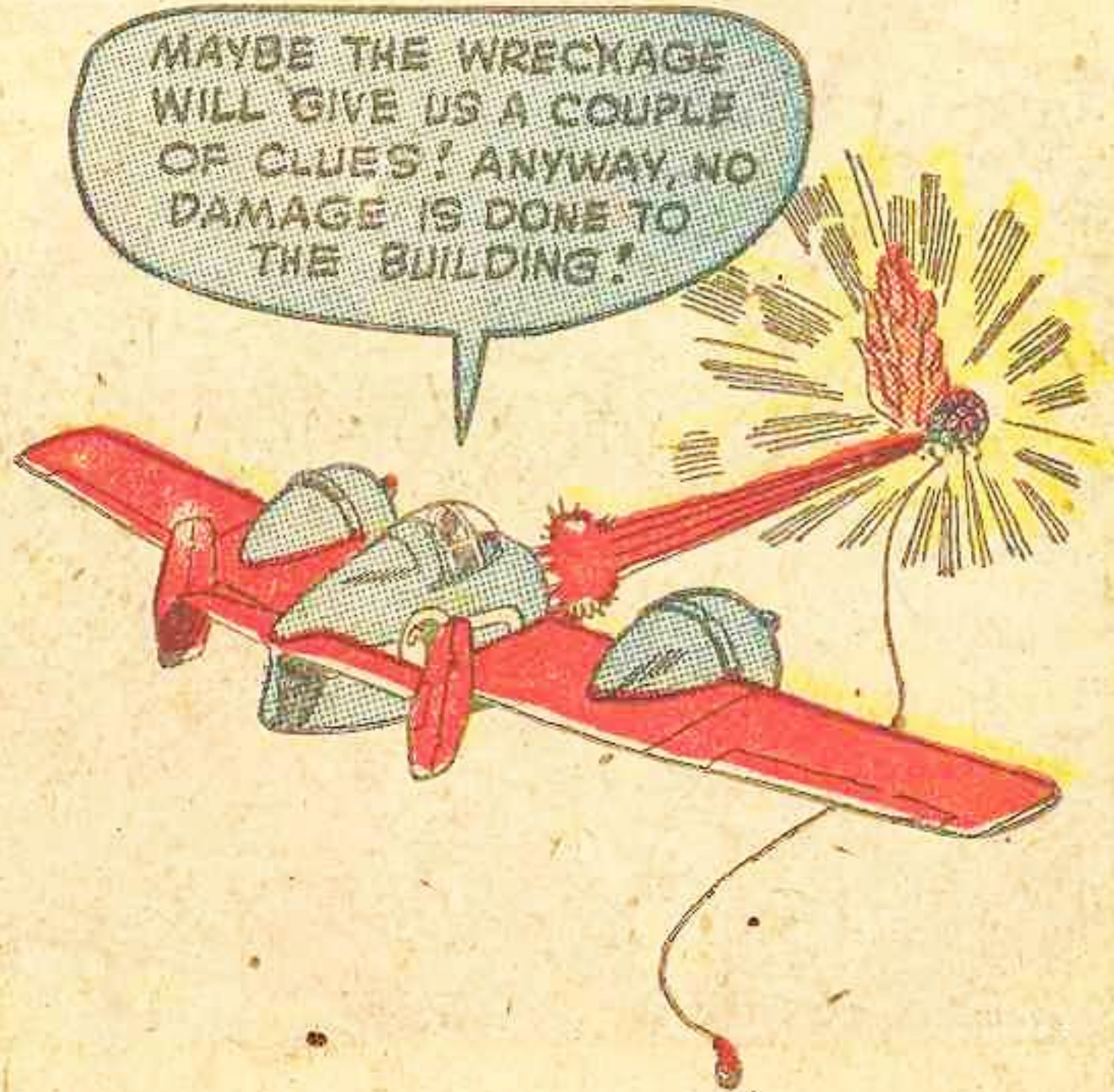
INTO  
REAL  
TROUBLE  
ALREADY!



I GUESS ANDRE CAN TAKE  
CARE OF HIMSELF--- WHILE  
I TAKE CARE OF THIS  
MYSTERIOUS GADGET!



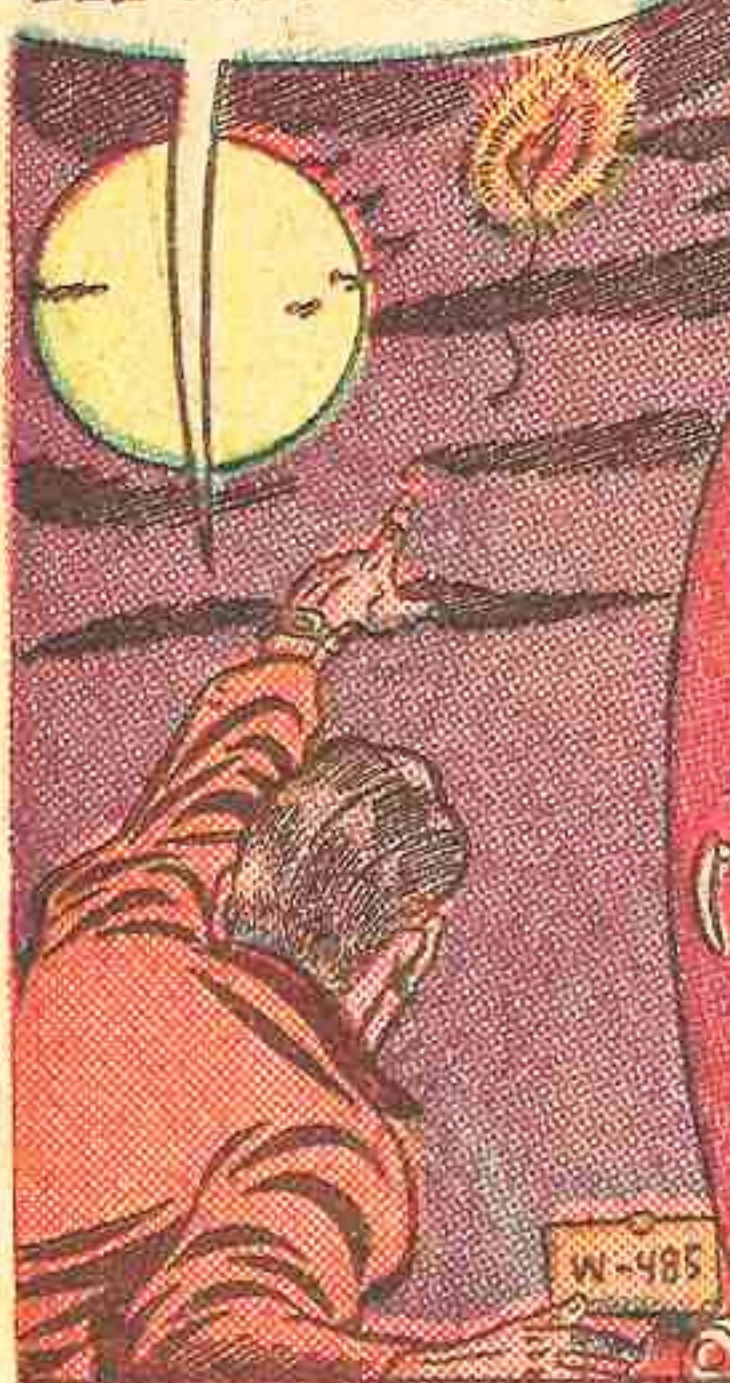
MUST BE REMOTE  
CONTROL... ALMOST  
INVISIBLE, EVEN IN  
DAYTIME! WELL...  
HERE GOES!



MAYBE THE WRECKAGE  
WILL GIVE US A COUPLE  
OF CLUES! ANYWAY, NO  
DAMAGE IS DONE TO  
THE BUILDING!



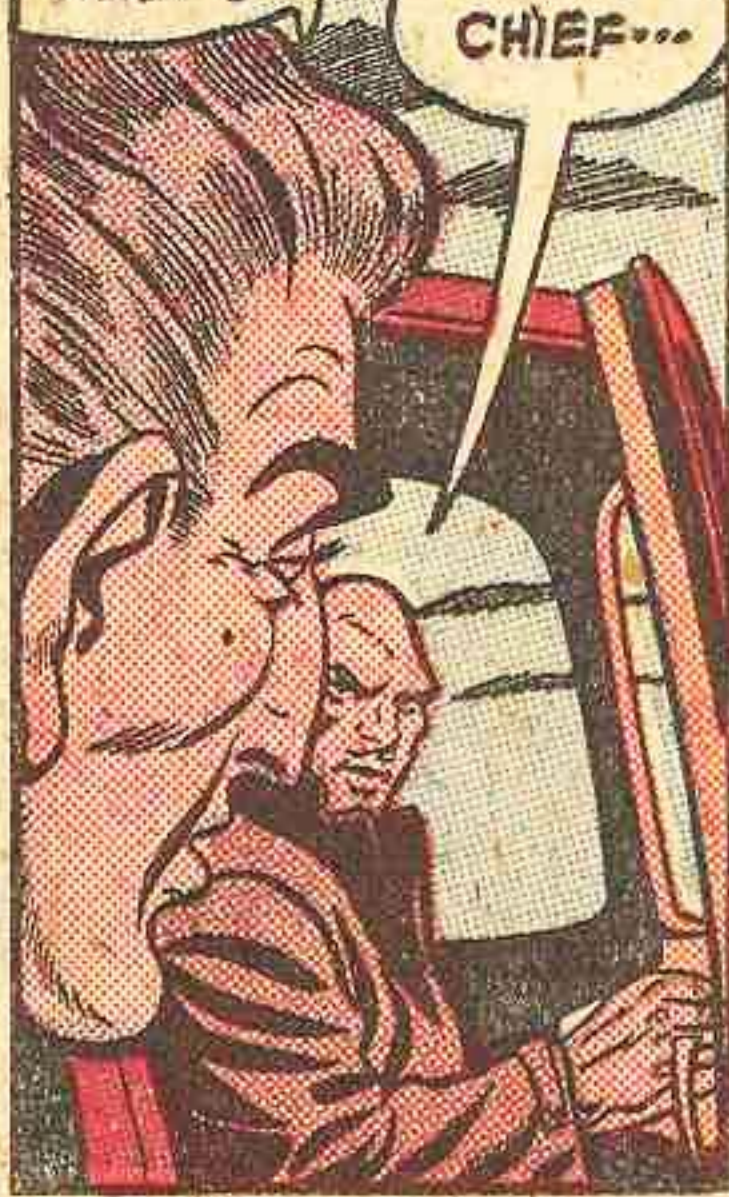
ARRRGH! THOSE INTERFERING SWINE! I'LL SHOW THEM!



IT'S NO USE, CHIEF! THEY'VE SMASHED THE ANTENNA AND THE TRANSMITTER IS ON THE BLINK!



DRIVE TO STEELE'S! WE'RE GOING TO SMASH THE BLACK-HAWKS...AND WE NEED HIS HELP!



BUT, CHIEF...

THIS SEEMS TO BE THE ENGINE OF DESTRUCTION... CAN YOU MAKE SOMETHING OF IT, CHUCK?



IT'S LIKE NOTHING I EVER SAW BEFORE...ALL I CAN SAY IS THAT IT'S SOME KIND OF POWERFUL RADIO ANTENNA!

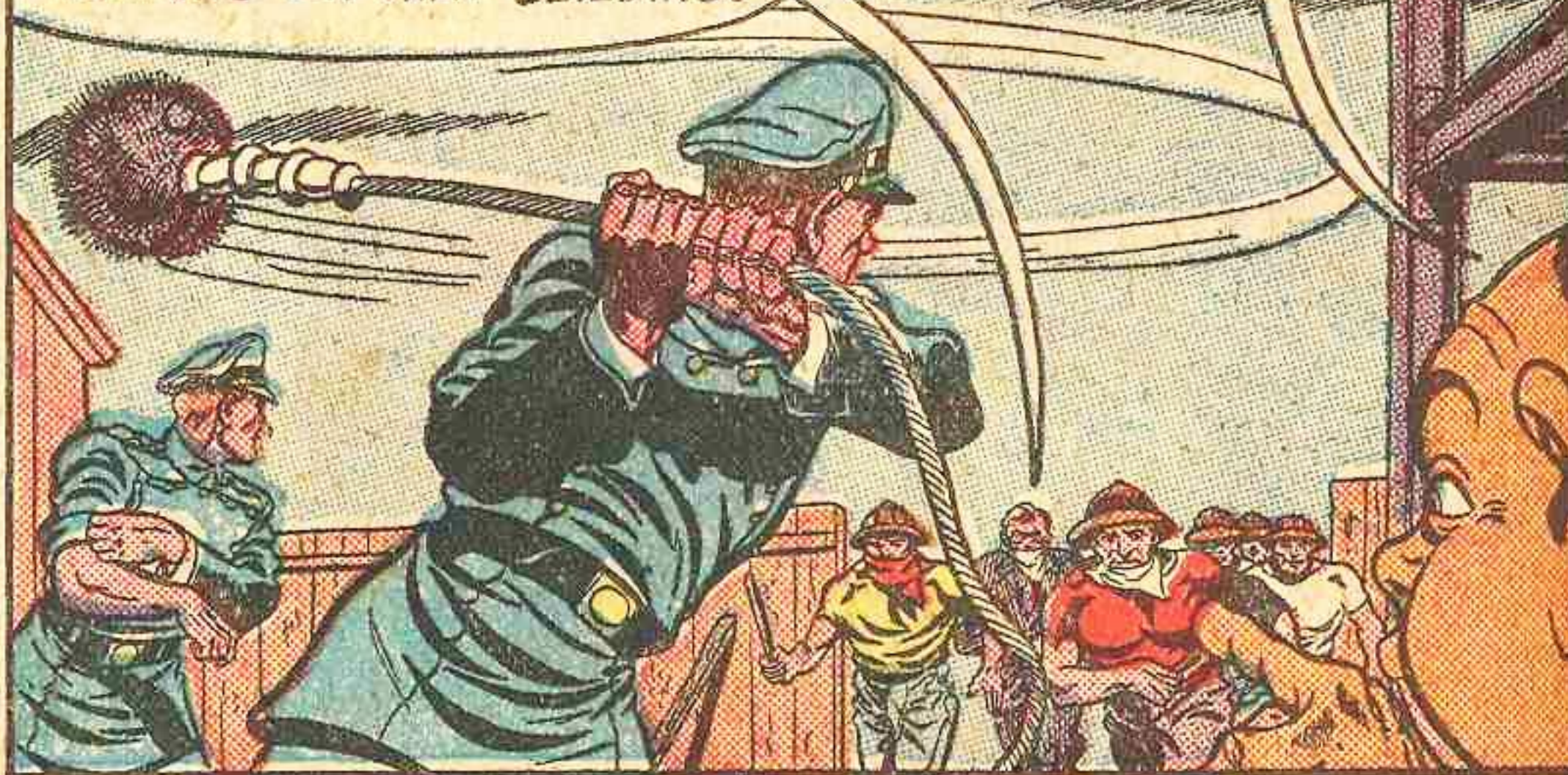


FROM NOW ON WE'RE PARTNERS, STEELE! I'LL DO MY JOB AND YOU DO YOURS... I CAN'T FILL MY PART OF THE BARGAIN UNTIL YOU HELP ME GET RID OF THE BLACKHAWKS!



OKAY, POWDER... THESE MEN DON'T KNOW ANY OF THE DETAILS BUT THEY'LL DO WHAT I TELL THEM!

DON'T SPARE THEM, MEN! AFTER YOU'VE FINISHED THE BLACKHAWKS, GET RID OF THE CONSTRUCTION CREW THAT'S WORKING ON THAT BUILDING!

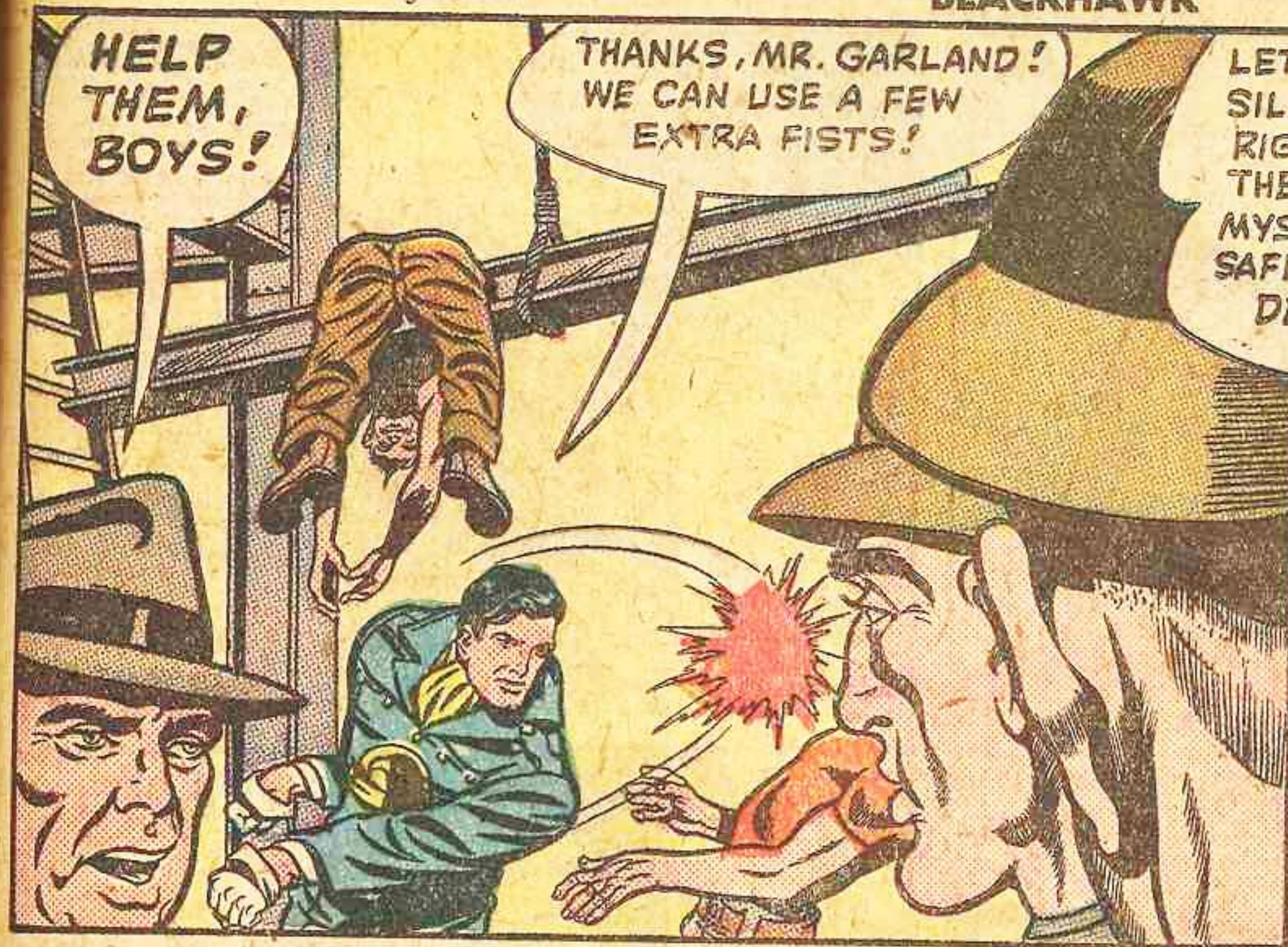


WATCH OUT! MANY BAD MEN ATTACK!



IT LOOKS AS IF OUR FRIEND POWDER WAS BEING FORCED TO USE DIRECT METHODS FOR A CHANGE!

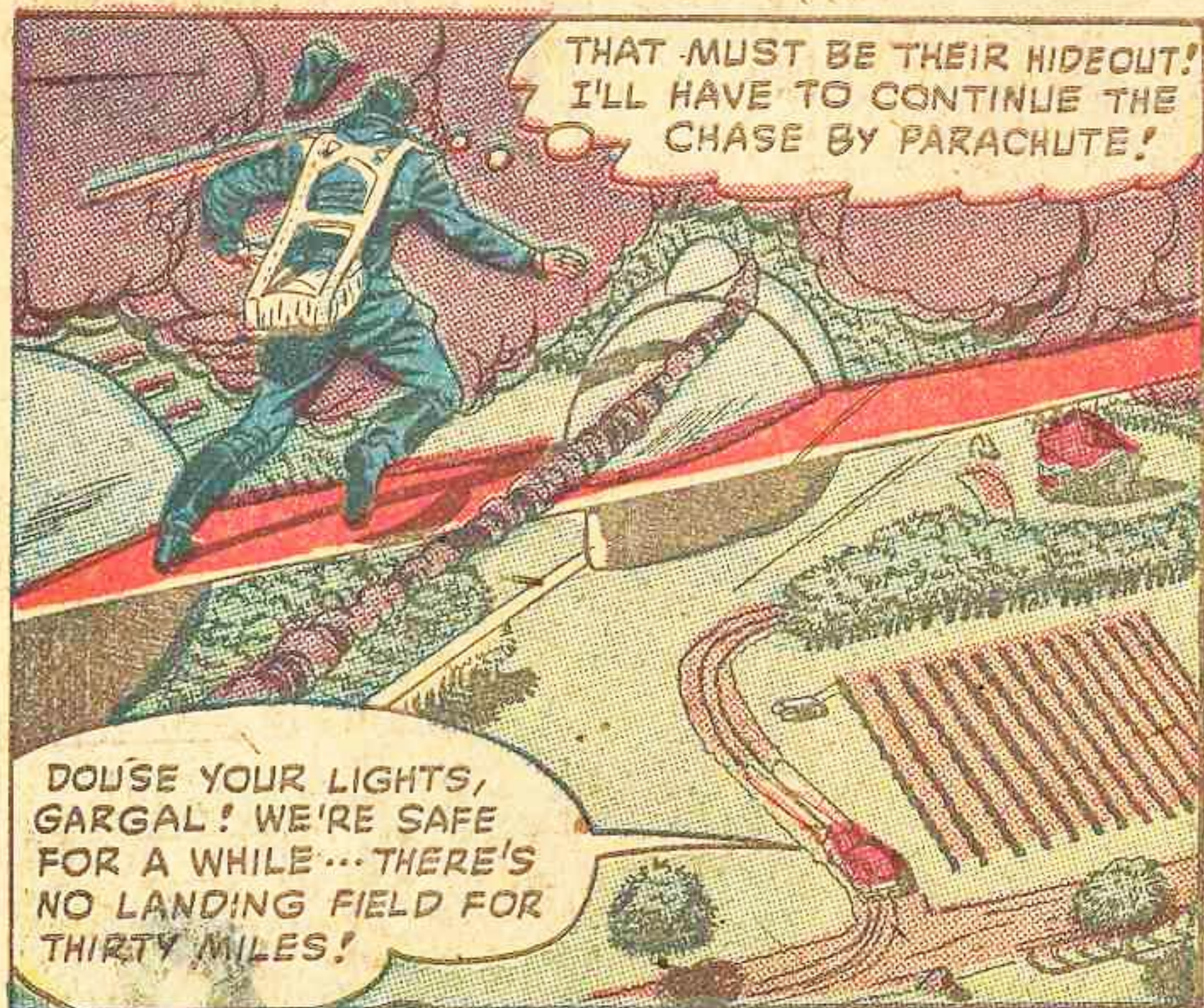




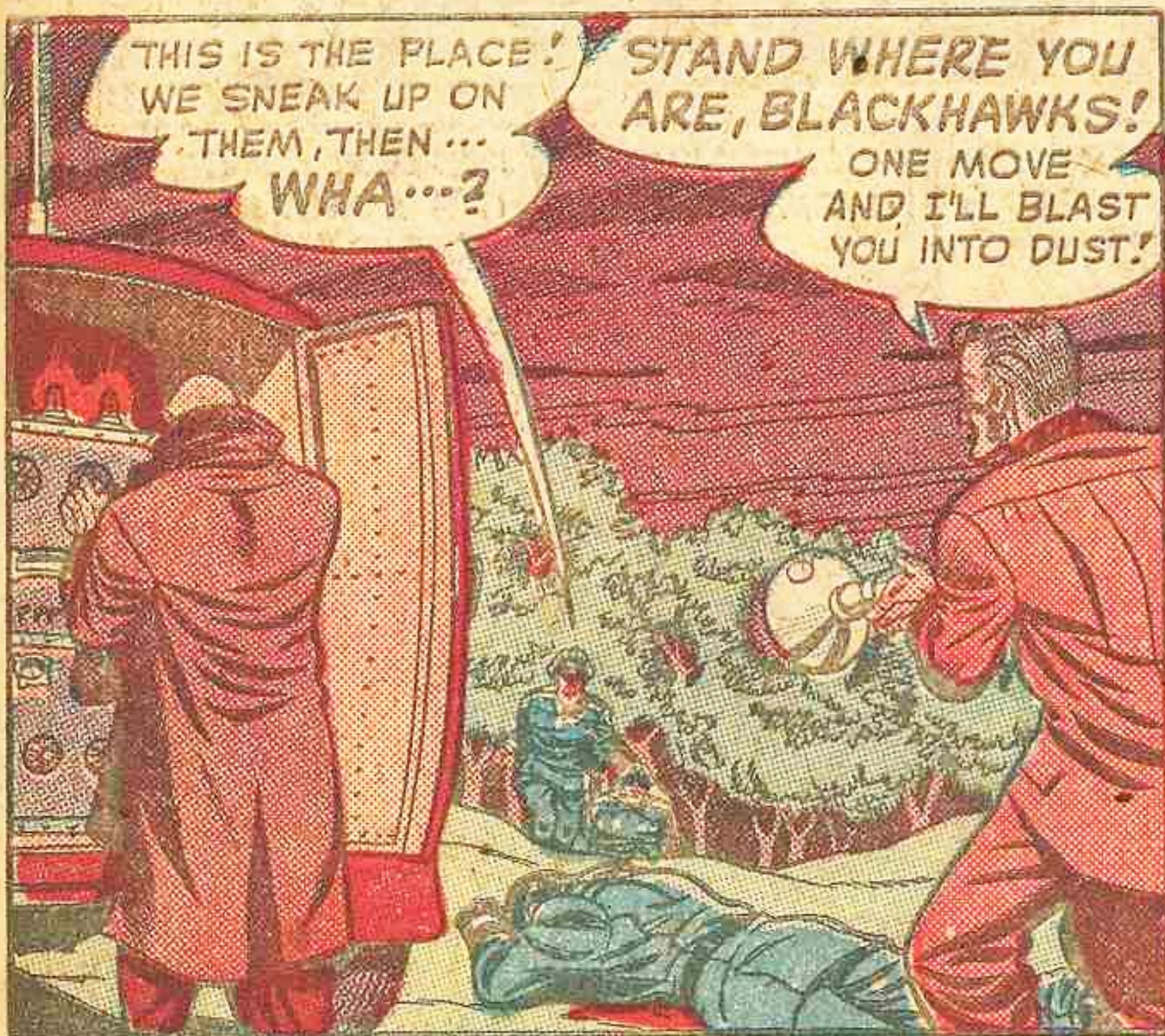
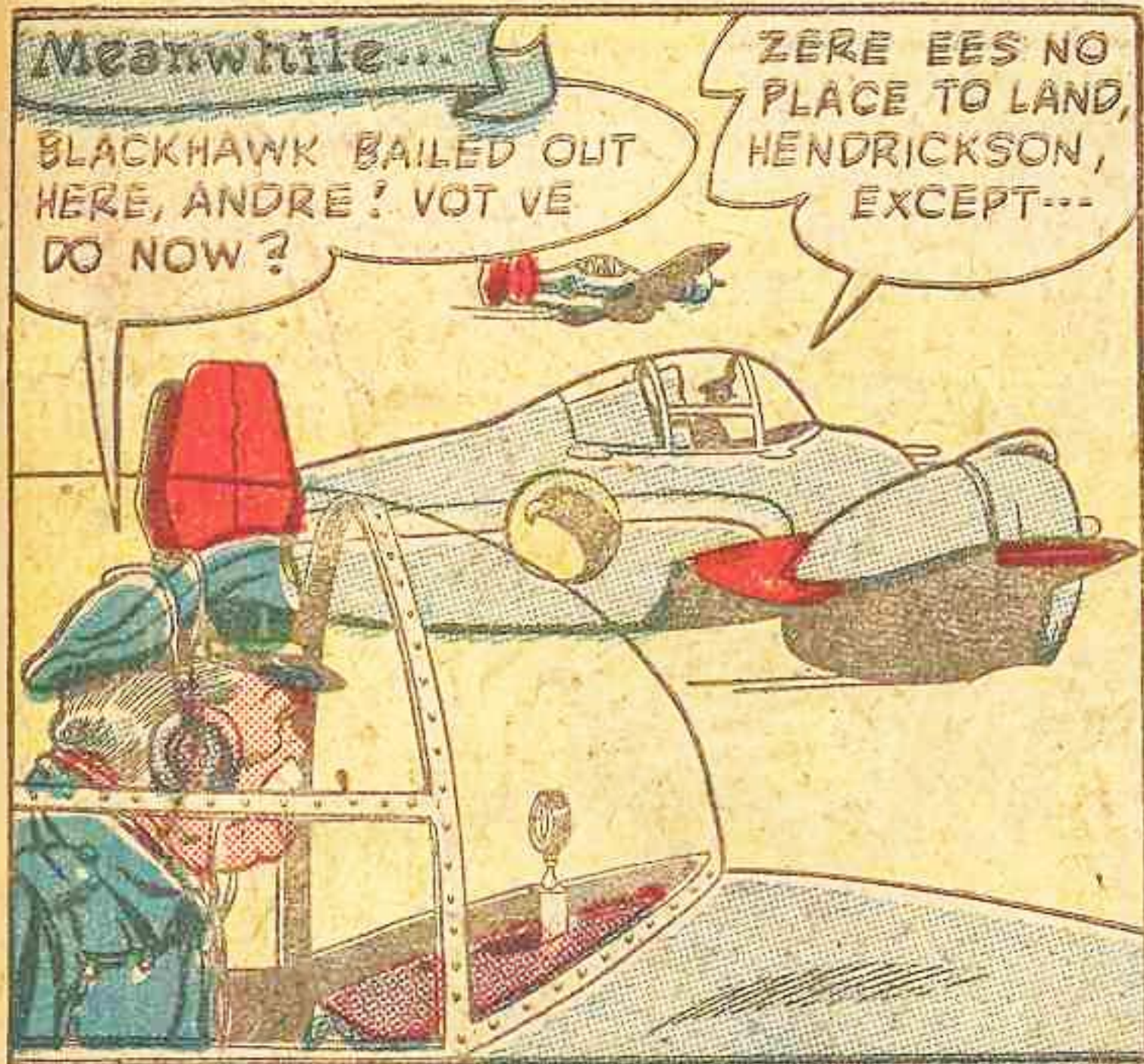
LET THEM GIVE THEIR SILLY WAR CRY! I'LL RIG THE ANTENNA ON THE TOPMOST GIRDER MYSELF, GET BACK TO SAFETY, AND THEN... DESTRUCTION!







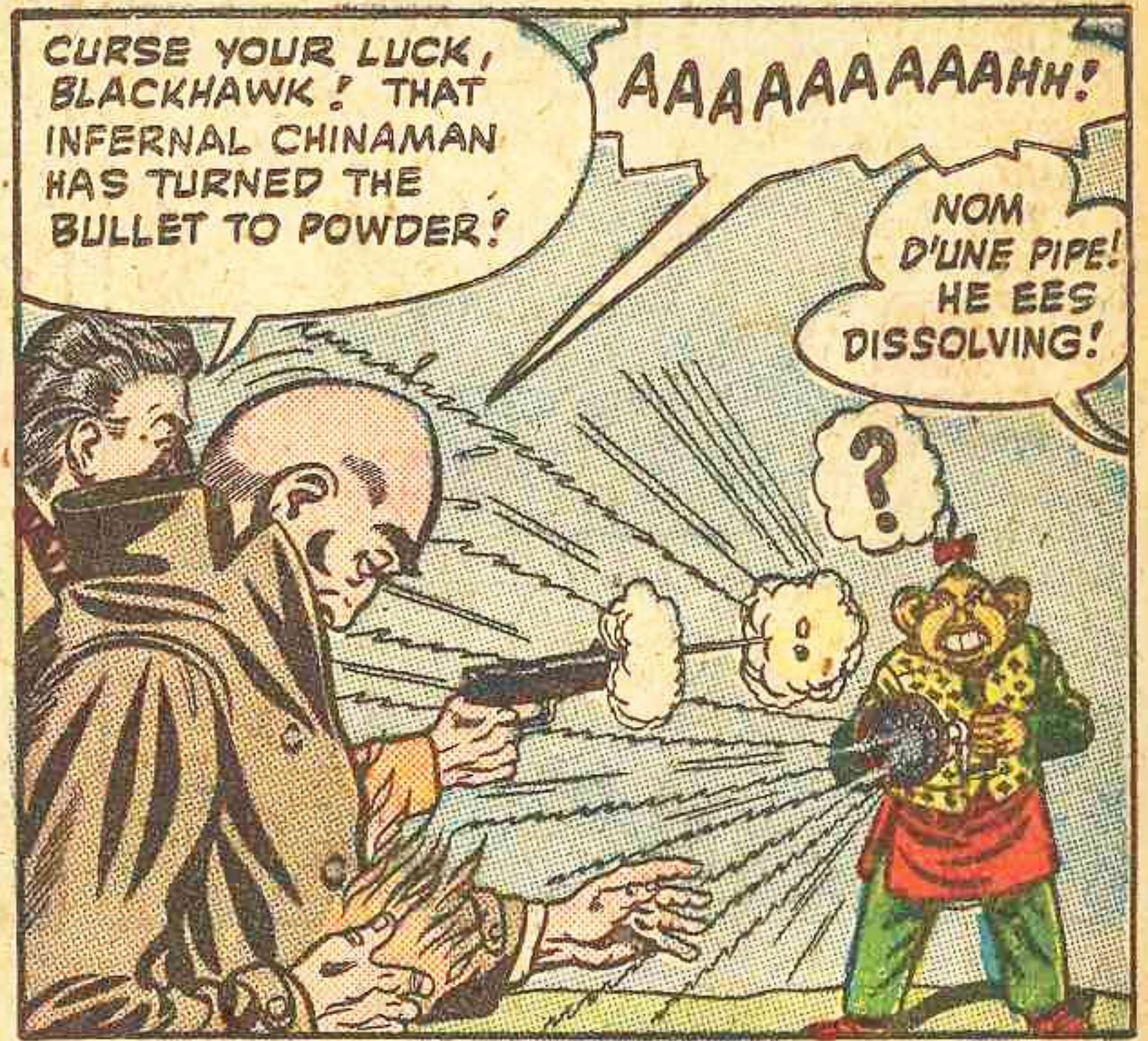








BAH! YOU'VE OUTLIVED YOUR USEFULNESS ANYWAY, GARGAL!

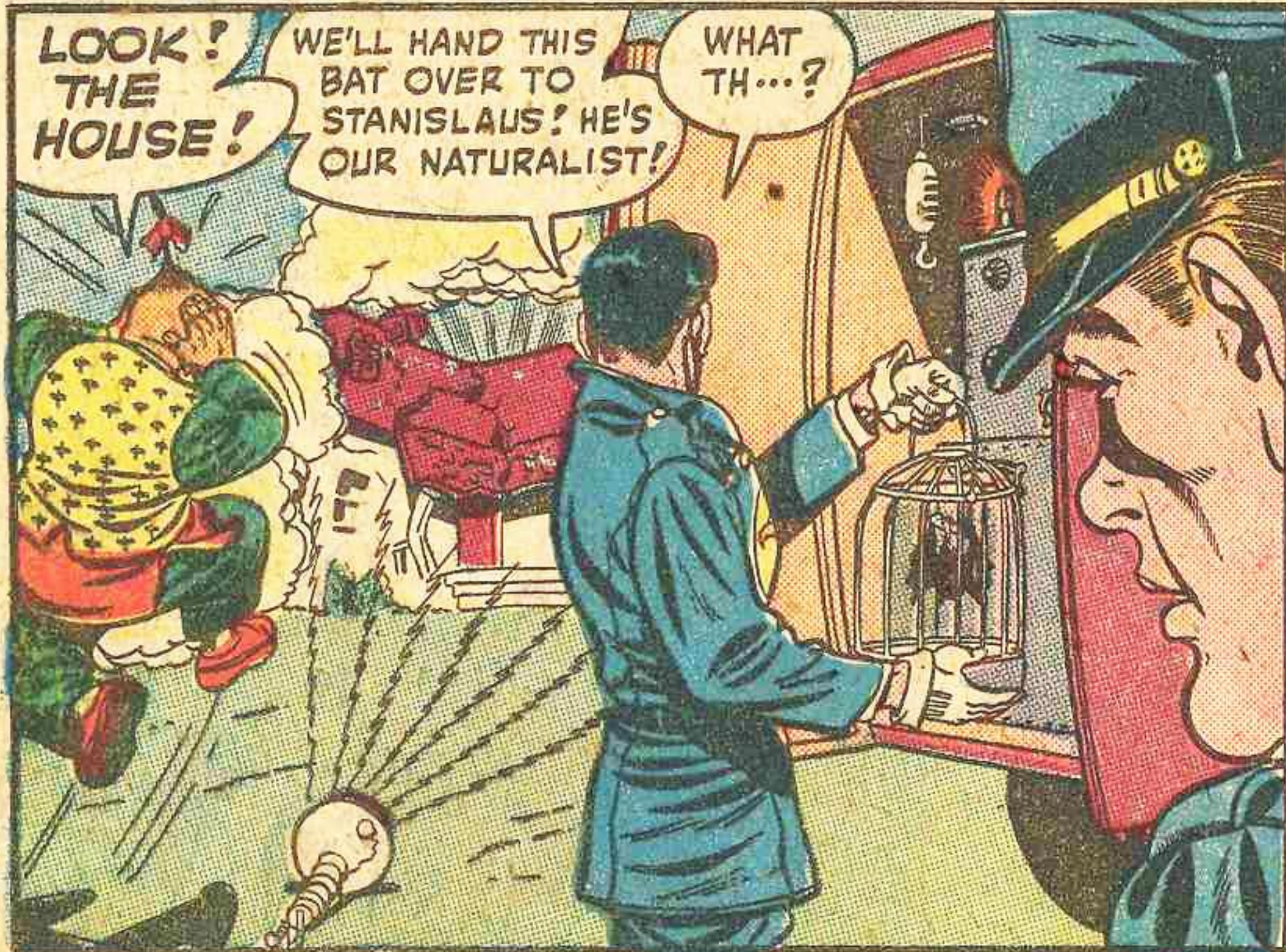


AAAAAAAHHH!

NOM D'UNE PIPE! HE EES DISSOLVING!



MY POWDER CAN... DROPPED! LIGHH!



WE'LL HAND THIS BAT OVER TO STANISLAUS! HE'S OUR NATURALIST!

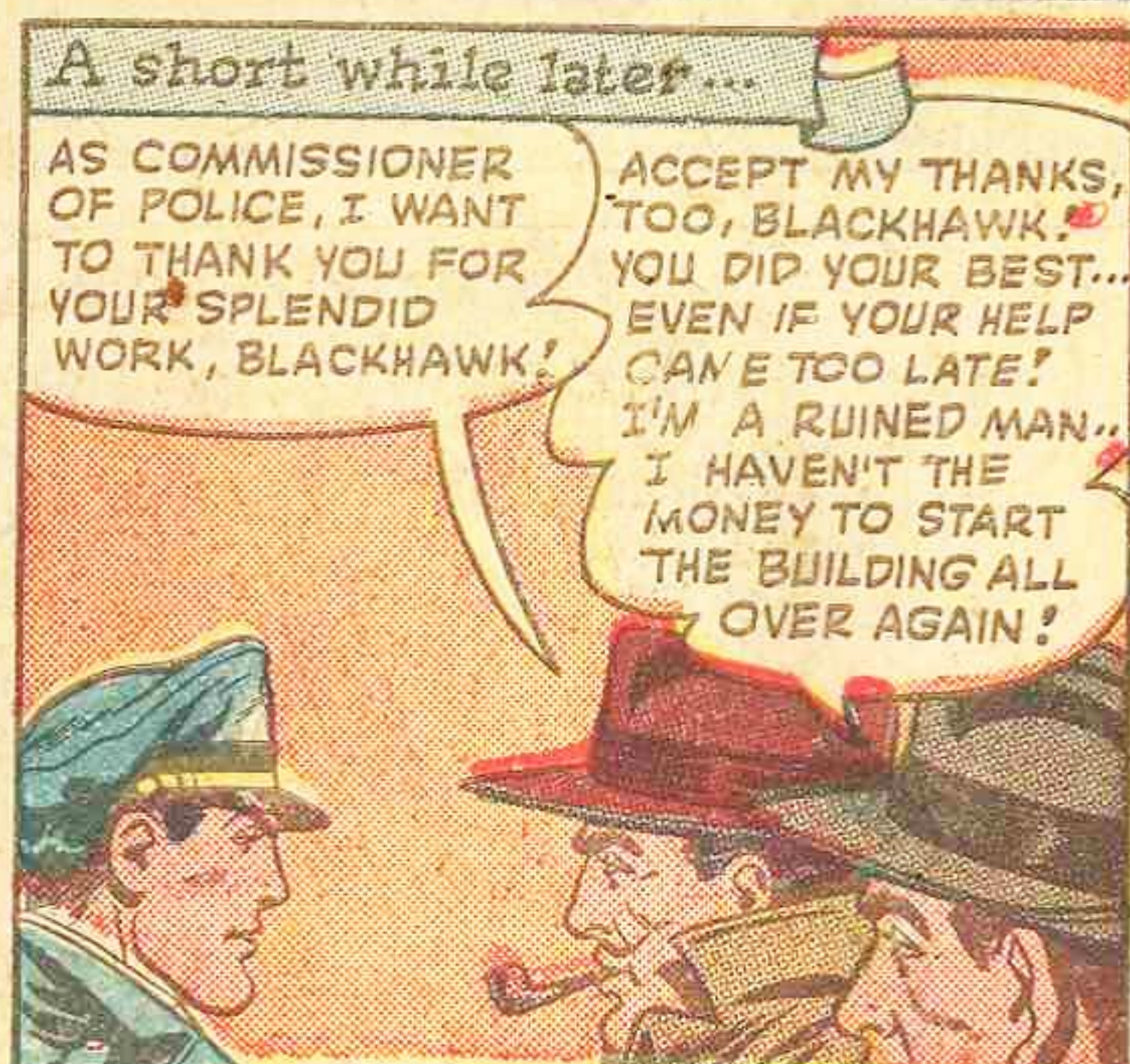
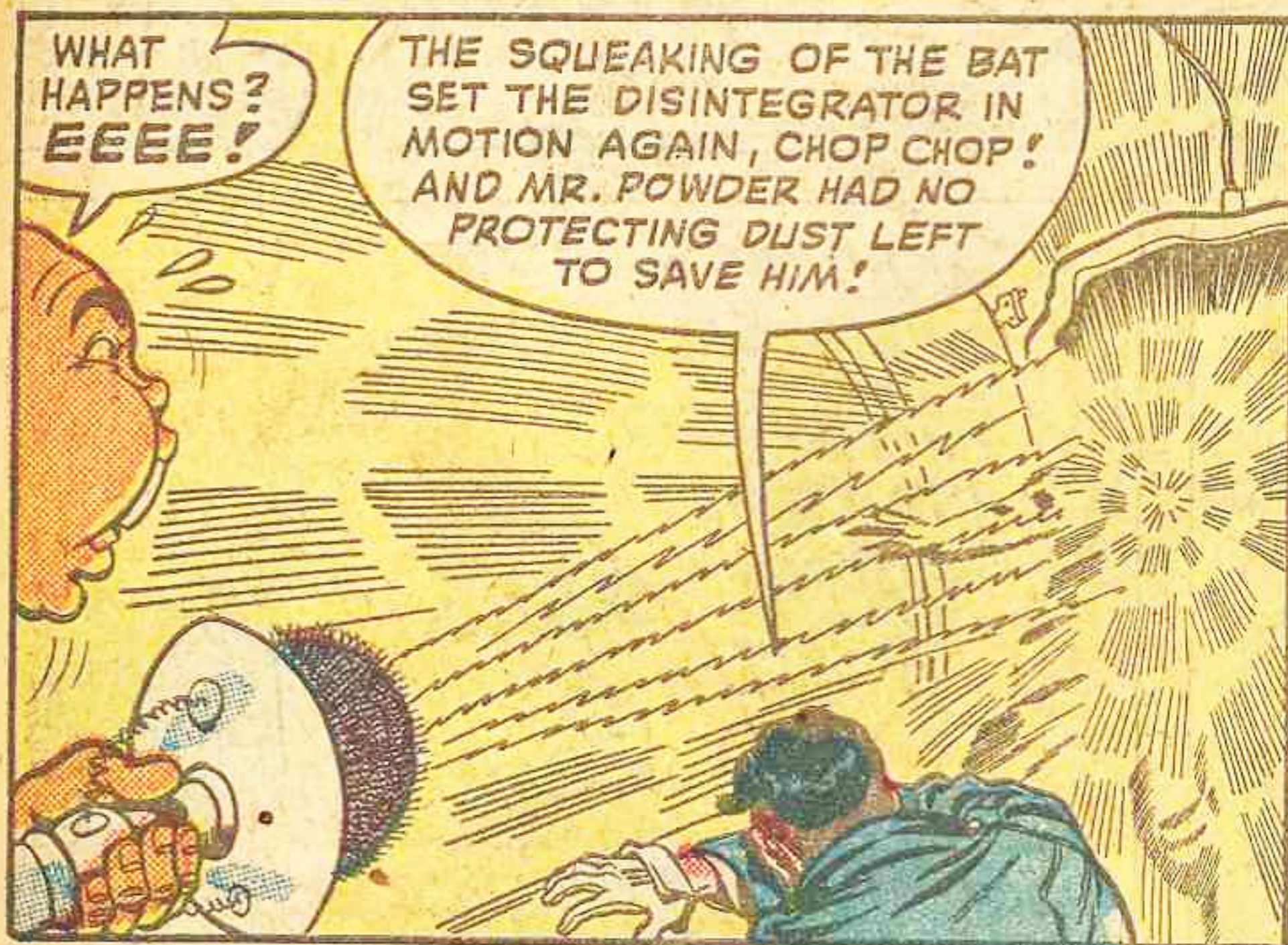
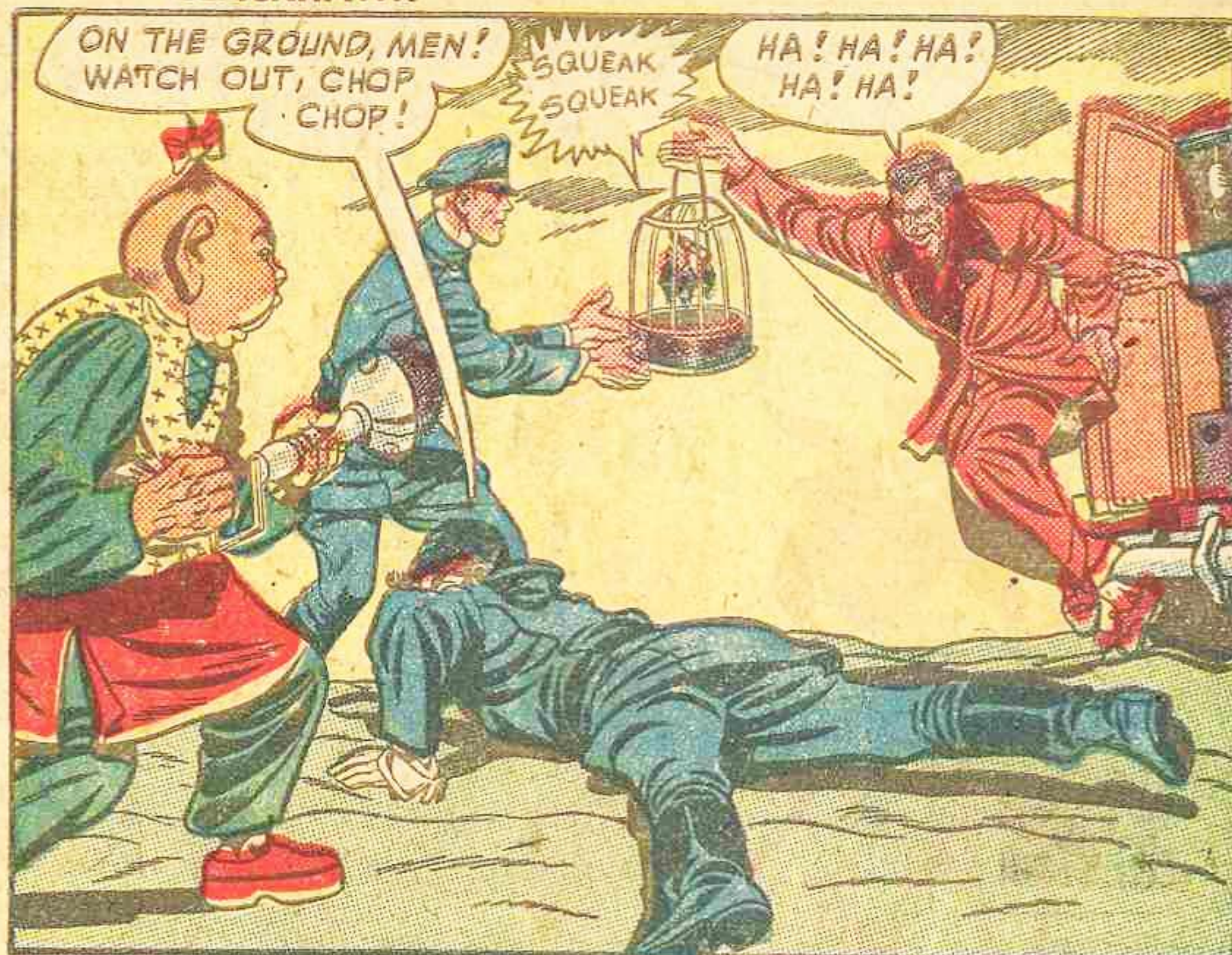
WHAT TH...?



I KNOW, CHUCK... NOBODY DID! NOTHING WAS MOVED EXCEPT THE BAT CAGE!



# BLACKHAWK





# WOW!

LOOK AT JOE GO ON  
HIS NEW BIKE!

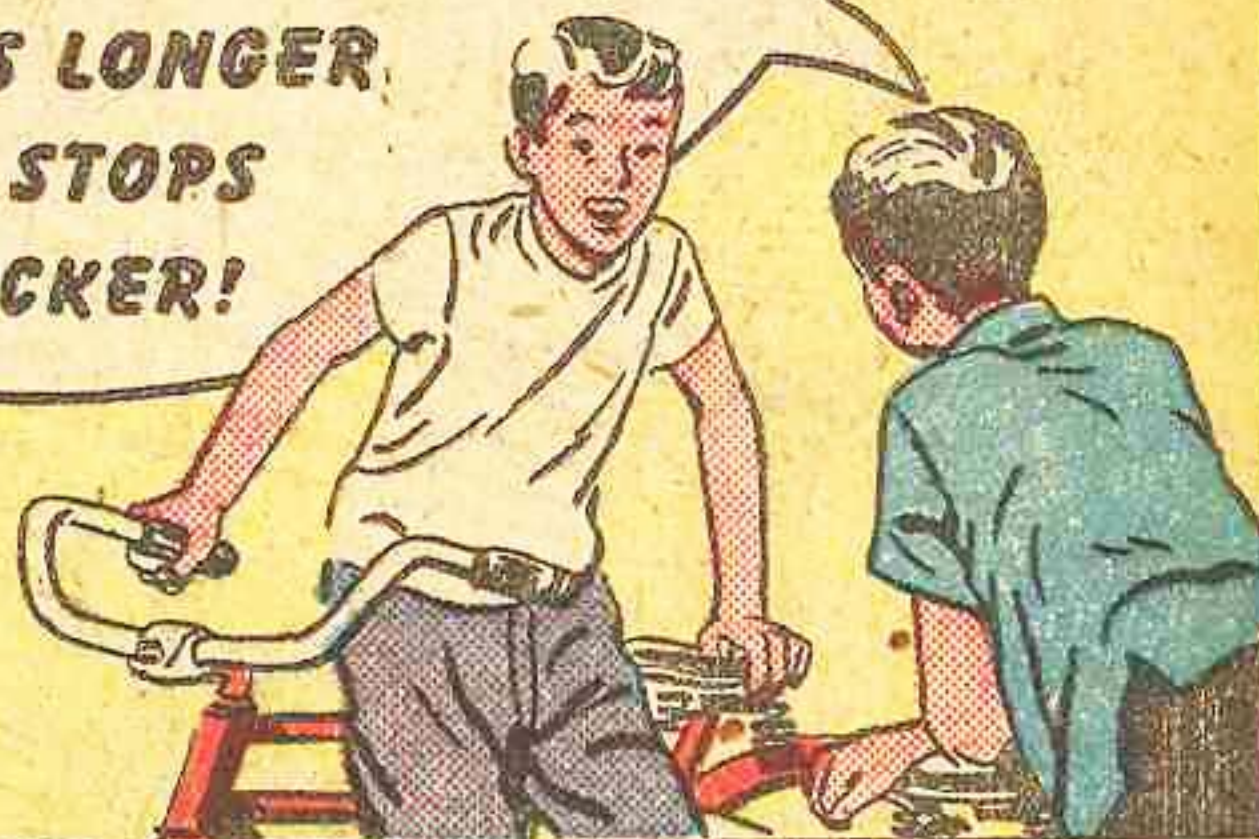


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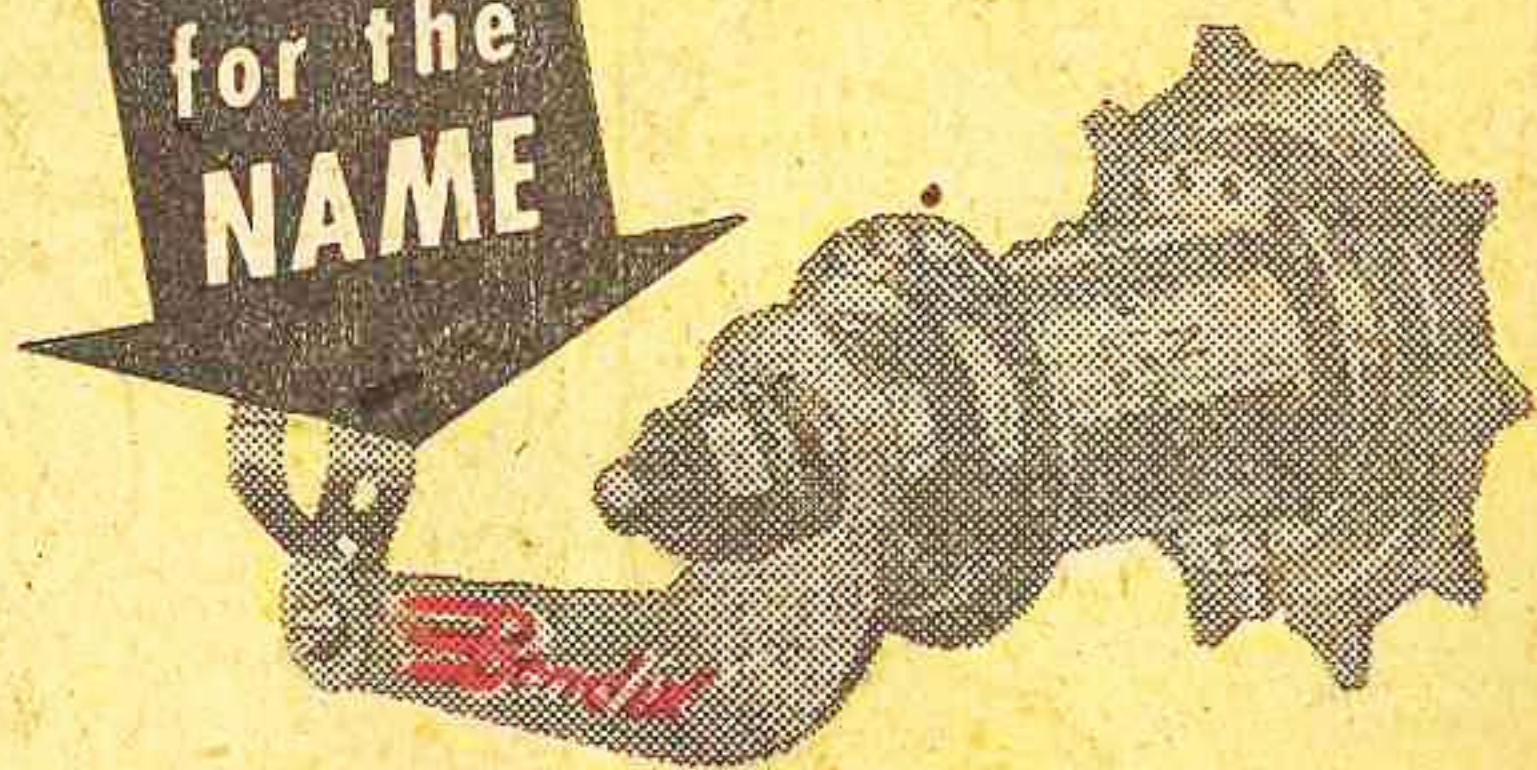


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THE COACH

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GAME CALLED ON ACCOUNT OF DARKNESS, BOYS!

AW, SHUCKS, COACH, DO WE HAVE TO QUIT, JUST AS I WAS GOING GOOD

HEY, FELLERS, I'VE GOT AN IDEA! C'MON FOLLOW ME TO MY HOUSE!



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OH, BOY! LET'S GO!

HEY, THAT'S KEEN!



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JET-PROPELLED BIKE



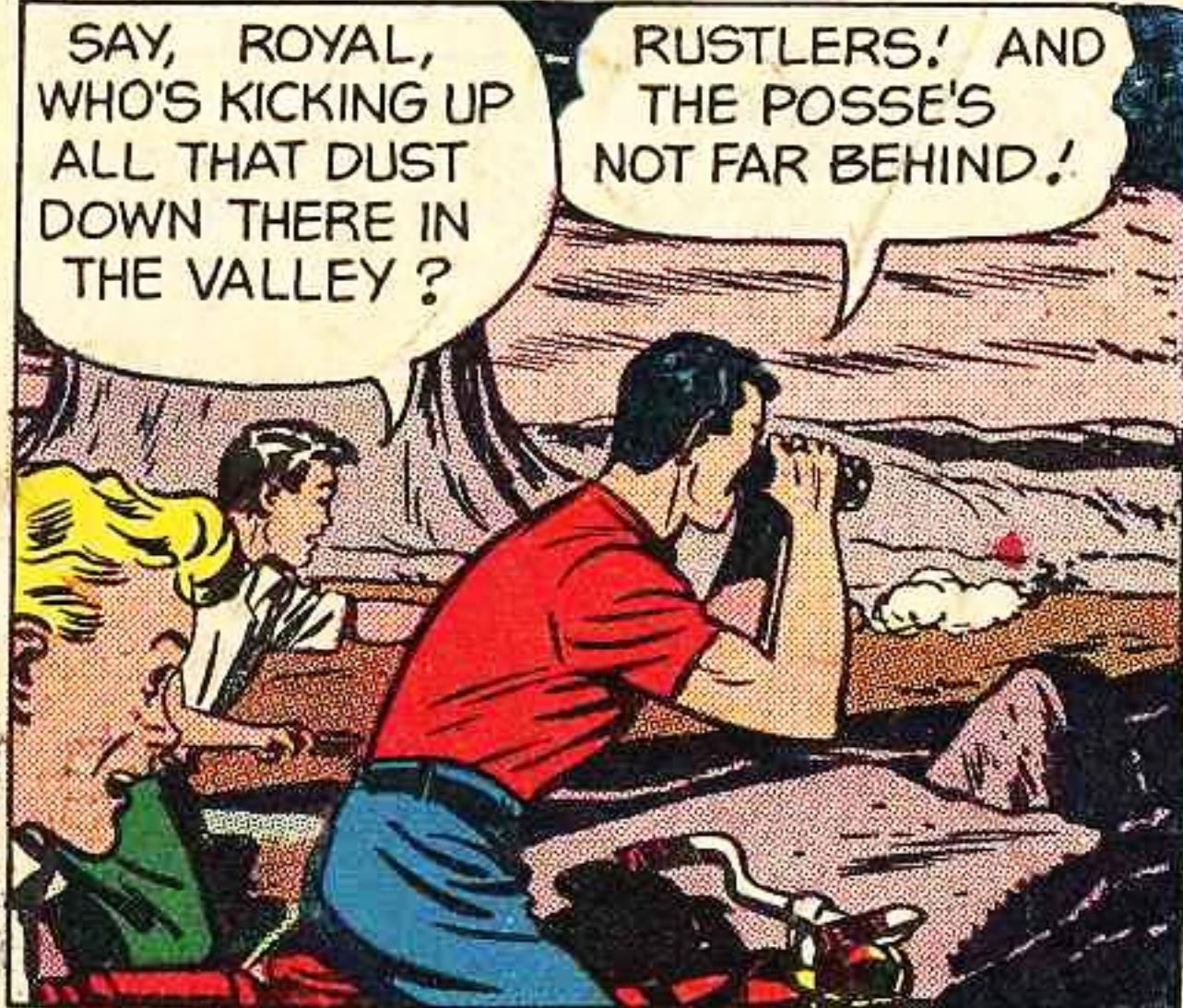
"ROUNDING UP  
THE RUSTLERS"



**W**HILE  
VACATIONING  
OUT WEST,  
DEPUTY U.S.  
ROYAL AND  
THE BOYS OF  
THE ELM CITY  
BIKE CLUB  
ARE ENJOYING  
THE SIGHTS,  
WHEN  
SUDDENLY...

SAY, ROYAL,  
WHO'S KICKING UP  
ALL THAT DUST  
DOWN THERE IN  
THE VALLEY?

RUSTLERS! AND  
THE POSSE'S  
NOT FAR BEHIND!



AND AS ROYAL WATCHES THE CHASE THROUGH  
HIS GLASSES, HE SEES...

GOOD! THE  
POSSE CAN'T  
FIGURE WHICH  
WAY WE WENT!

WELL, KEEP RIDIN'...  
WE AIN'T SAFE TILL  
WE GET THROUGH THE  
GORGE UP AHEAD...



FELLAS, YOU TWO BIKE DOWN AND  
TELL THE POSSE TO HEAD FOR THE  
GORGE...I'LL HAVE A NICE SURPRISE  
THERE WAITING FOR THEM!



NOW IF I CAN JUST  
GET TO THE TOP  
OF THAT GORGE  
BEFORE THOSE  
CATTLE-THIEVES  
GET TO THE  
BOTTOM!

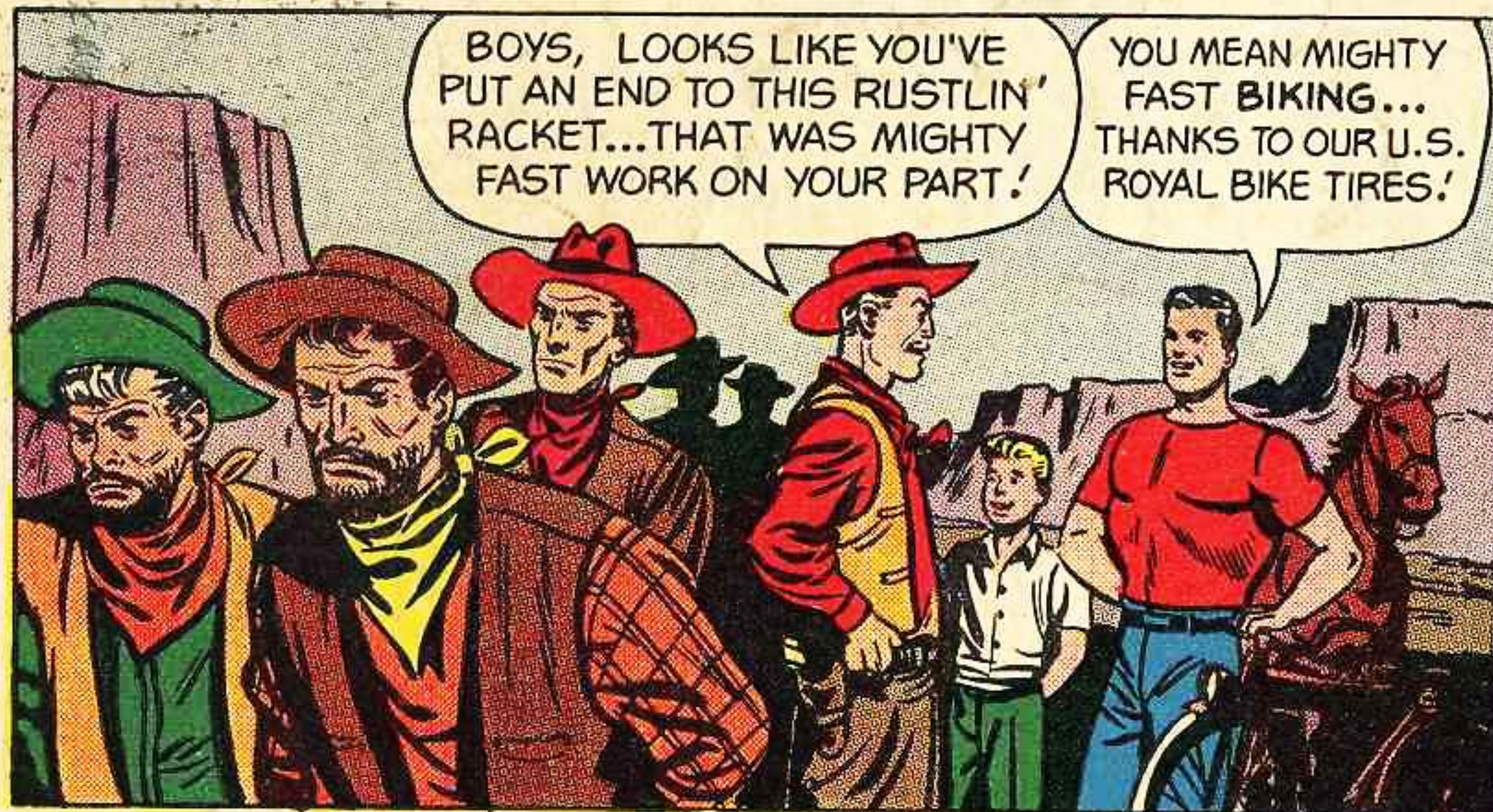


I MADE IT! THESE  
ROCKS WILL FORCE THEM  
TO TURN BACK...RIGHT  
INTO THE HANDS OF  
THE POSSE!



BOYS, LOOKS LIKE YOU'VE  
PUT AN END TO THIS RUSTLIN'  
RACKET...THAT WAS MIGHTY  
FAST WORK ON YOUR PART!

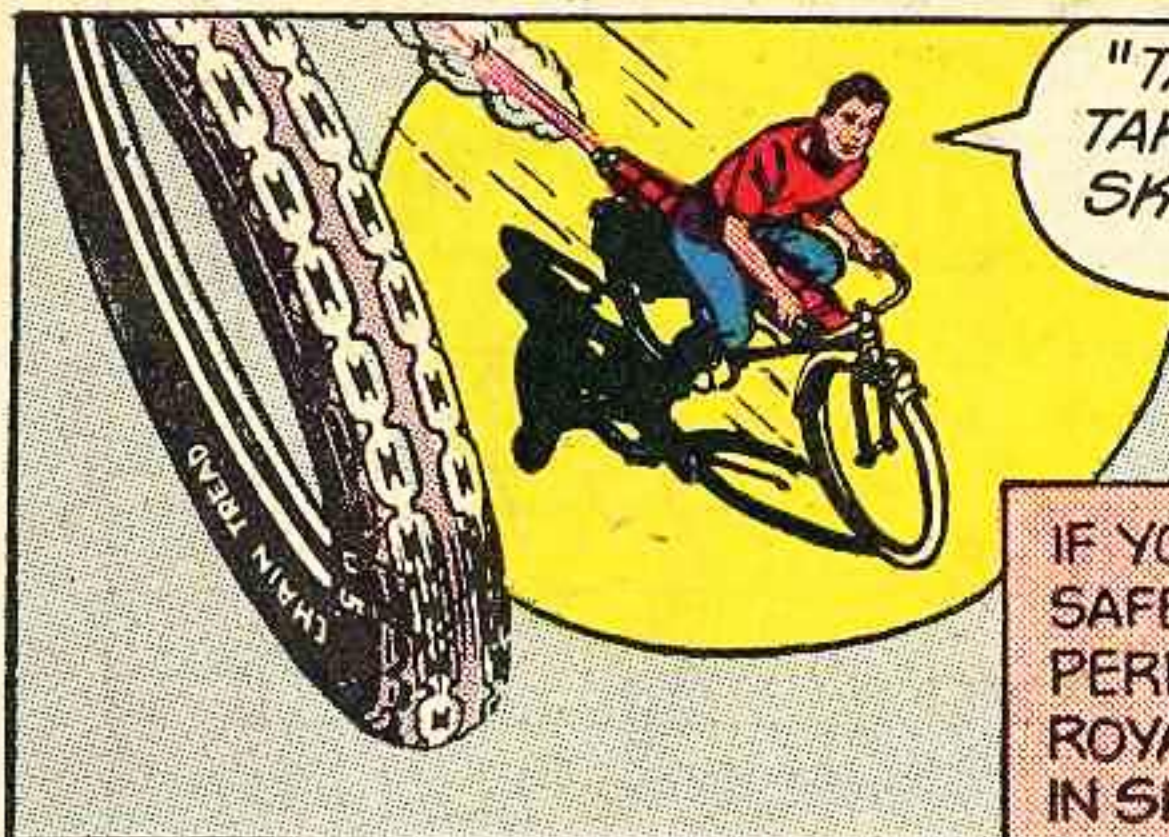
YOU MEAN MIGHTY  
FAST BIKING...  
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